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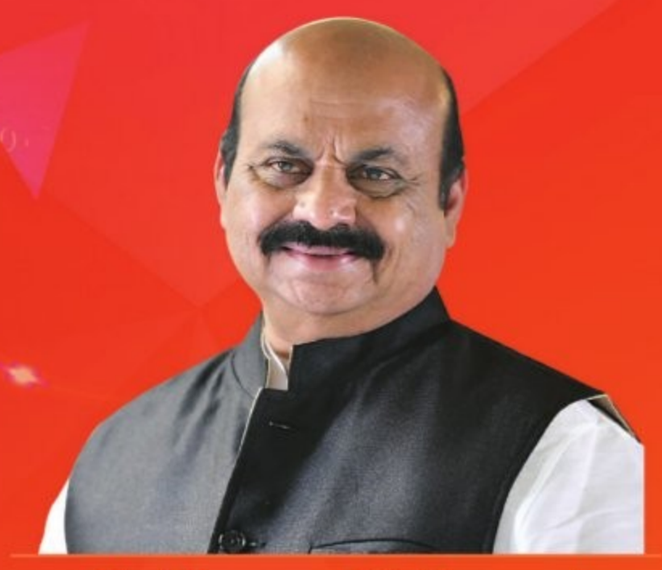
4 TERRORISTS KILLED IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR ENCOUNTERS

Four terrorists were killed in two encounters with security forces in Pulwama and Anantnag districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said. While three terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama's Khandipora, one was gunned down in Anantnag's Semthan, they said. Also, three alleged "hybrid" terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba were arrested during an anti-terror operation in Srinagar and Budgam districts, the police said.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
INVEST KARNATAKA

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Visionary Leadership
Pro-Development Steps
Karnataka in the Forefront of Progress

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai-led Karnataka government has taken several industry-friendly decisions to build a prosperous Karnataka for the development of all sections of society. These decisions have made Karnataka a leading state in the country in attracting investments. The pro-industry stance will also significantly contribute to industrial development and employment generation in the coming days.

The Global Investors Meet, being held at Bengaluru Palace from November 2nd to 4th, will bring together leaders, innovators and policymakers worldwide on a single forum.

Build for the World

Invest Karnataka 2022 | Global Investors Meet

Bengaluru Palace
November 2-4

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai, CM of Karnataka, Welcomes all Delegates to GIM.

Karnataka - No. 1 in investments

- Attracted $22 billion Foreign Direct Investment, which is highest in the country
- No. 1 the country in Innovation Index
- Highest no. of R&D Centres in the country
- No. 1 in the country in export of services
- One of the three top start-up ecosystems in the world
- 53% share in investments in computer software and hardware sectors in the country
- No. 1 in the 2020 ease-of-doing ranking of DPIIT
- Has moved to 'Top Achiever' position from 17th position

Industrial Policy 2020-2025

- Turnover-based encouragement across zones (PLI scheme)
- Fillip to cluster-based industries to encourage specific zones
- Beyond Bengaluru' scheme for integrated industrial development
- One District – One Product: Thrust to industries in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities under the 'Atma Nirbhar' scheme

Why Karnataka is the best state for investment?

Industry-friendly policies

Availability of land with efficient logistics network

Ease of Doing Business

Highly skilled and trained manpower

Good infrastructure

Bengaluru: India's Technology and Innovation Capital

$11,000 Per-Capita Income	15,000+ Startups; 5+ lakh employees; India's top hub	$62 billion Raised by startups between 2014 and H1 2022; $10 billion in H1 2022	$65 billion IT services exports in FY 22; 38% of India's $170 billion	50+ Unicorns; India's largest herd	44 Soonicorns; Highest concentration in India	300,000+ Chip designers & testers in 250+ companies	
1.1 crore Population							
400+ No. of Fortune 500 companies	250+ Women-led startups; India's top hub	2.1 million+ Software Engineers including IT services, startups, and others	450+ Research Laboratories spanning multiple and intersecting disciplines	100,000+ PhDs across a diverse range of specializations	2nd largest Income tax collections among Indian cities	3rd largest Bank deposits quantum in India	4th largest Bank lending among Indian cities

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

karnataka information
Department of Information and Public Relations

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri.Fakruddin and his family members** have filed a petition for Death Certificate i.e., my client's father **Sri.Amir Jan@ Sayyad Mohiddin S/o. Late Khadhar Hussain Sab, died on 16.07.2021** at Razak sab Palya Bagaluru Village, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk. If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of Death Certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Prl Civil Judge & JMFC, at Devanahalli **on 29.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M in C.Mis.No.283/2022.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

M. MAHESH DAS, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my clients Smt. Anusuyamma, Smt. Jayamma, Smt. B. Kantha, Smt. Pushpa K. Reddy and Smt. Vasantha. G. Reddy are the daughters of Late. Bayya Reddy are the undivided share holders in the ancestral joint family Properties, which were in the name of Late. T. M. Bayya Reddy, so far no family partition effected with respect to estate of Late. T.M. Bayya Reddy. T.M. Bayya Reddy had several Survey number properties in his name. they were given to his share through a family partition taken place in the year 1962. After his demise his wife i.e., mother of my clients name was mutated in all the revenue records. One such joint family Property bearing Sy.No.165/1 an extend of 2 Acres 24 guntas situated at Tharalu Village, Uttrahalli Hobli -2, Bengaluru South Taluk, (herein after called as SCHEDULE PROPERTY) in which my clients have undivided share. It is informed to the General Public that some person/s claiming and projecting they are the owners of the Schedule Property by falsely representing with an intention to cheat the innocent public by way of creating charges on the Schedule Property, by way of forming a residential layout or apartment complex and selling the same to innocent parties if any person/s entering with the said unknown/ stranger person/s claiming to be the owners of the Schedule Property, any kind of sale transaction, agreement, tenancy, mortgage charges, lien or demand or any other interest of whatsoever kind or nature upon the Schedule Property, they are doing the same at their own cost and risk. Any such claims shall neither entertained nor binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy.No.165/1, an extent of 2 acres 24 guntas situated at Tharalu Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on: **East by** : Survey Nos. 161 & 162, **West by** : Survey Nos. 165/2 & 165/3, **North by** : Survey Nos. 166 & 172, **South by** : Survey Nos.163 & 164.

S. JAGADISH CHANDER Advocate
No.310, 14th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore560 011. Mob: 9900329641

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2022-23/06
Dated : 27-10-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Comprehensive maintenance contract for Tower Wagons of Bengaluru Division for a period of 2 years.	Rs. 2,90,37,357.76
2	Modification to the OHE due to provision of low level platform at Km 293 in MZV yard and Replacement & Augmentation of OHE/PSI equipments such as Isolators, CT, Battery, CA etc., on age cum condition basis in Bengaluru - Jolarpettai.	Rs. 59,54,781.15

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 17-11-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / TRD Bengaluru

PUB/458/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDITIONAL CHIEF METRO POLITIAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU.
CRL. MISC. CASE. NO. 6157/2022

BEWTEEN: 1. Smt. NANJAMMA W/o Late Thimmarayappa Aged 89 years 2. Smt. MARIYAMMA D/o Late Thimmarayappa, And W/o. Nagaraju, Aged 64 years 3. Sri T. RAJAPPA @ RAJU, S/o Late. Thimmarayappa, Aged 62 years 4. Smt. GOWRAMMA D/o. Late. Thimmarayappa, And W/o Krishnappa, Aged 60 years, 5. Sri. MUNIYAPPA S/o. Late. Thimmarayappa. Aged 56 years Si No 1 to 5 are R/at No. 59, 4th Main, J.P. Nagara, 7th Phase Puttenahalli Bengaluru South Taluk, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078 6. Sri. NARAYANASWAMY S/o Late Thimmarayappa, Aged 52 years R/at No.76, 4th Main, J.P.Nagara, 7th Phase, Puttenahalli, Bengaluru South Taluk, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078 7. Smt. CHANDRIKA D/o. Late. Thimmarayappa, And W/o. Late. Muniraju Aged 45 years 8. Smt. THIMMAKKA Since died Rep. By her son SRI T NAGARAJU, S/o Late Thimmarayappa, Aged 41 years Si No. 7 & 8 are R/at No. 59/1. 4th Main, J.P. Nagara, 7th Phase Puttenahalli Bengaluru South Taluk, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078 **PETITIONERS**

AND. THE THASILDHAR Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Ground Floor, Kandaya Bhavana, K. G. Road, Benglauru-560 009. **RESPONDENTS**

GENERAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I, undersigned advocate for Petitioners, submit that on behalf of our clients, have filed the above Petition for Death certified of deceased Smt.Ramakka W/o Late. Thimmarayappa, who died on 19.08.1992. Place of Death, Puttenahalli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru Urban District. If, any parties who have objection with regard to issue of death Certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Court of 1st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bengaluru **17/11/2022 at 11A.M.** in C. Mis No. 6157/2022. Given under my hand and seal of this court on 29.10.22 **By order of the court Sd/- Sheristedar** 1st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service V.RANGARAMU & ASSOCIATES, Office, No 24, 3rd Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003,

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE
No. SA-E-5-2022-23-W1

Divisional Railway Manager / Electrical / Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

1) E-Tender Notice No. Date and Name of Work: **SA-E-5-2022-23-W1 Dt 22.11.2022** Southern Railway - Vande Bharat Trainset Maintenance facilities at CBE Depot - Electrical Arrangements. **2)** Details : Approx Cost **₹4,82,994 /-. 3)** EMD : **₹ 9,700 /-. 4)** Completion Period **: 3 Months. 5) For all the works Closing Time & Date : 15.00 hrs. on 22.11.2022. 6) For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date : 15.30 hrs. on 22.11.2022.**

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), Salem

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Sale deed dated 30.03.1992 executed by M/s.Richmond Towers, represented by its two Authorized Partners Mr. S. Gopalakrishnaiah Setty and Mr. K.V. Madana Mohan in favour of Mr. V. Chandra Shekar S/o Mr. C. Viswanatha Iyer bearing Document No. 1114/92-93, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, in respect of Property bearing No.302, 3rd Floor, having 703 Sq.feet of built up area in the multi-storied building known as "Richmond Towers", Situated at Richmond Road, Bangalore has been laminated.

All persons are hereby informed that the undersigned Advocate hereby invites claims or objections, if any. In case of any claims or objections kindly intimate the undersigned Advocate in writing to the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this date. In absence of any claim within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that above said property has no claim by virtue of laminated Sale deed.

Sd/- **M. Kalashree**
Advocate and Legal Consultant
No.29, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross,
Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra,
Bangalore-560094.
Mobile: 9743009222
Email: kalashreem1982@gmail.com
Date: 01.11.2022 Place: Bangalore

WANTED ACCOUNTANT

ACI ENTERPRISE PVT LTD., a leading Distributor of Chemicals require Accountant for their office in Bangalore, Commerce graduates with knowledge of Tally accounting package mail resume to **thomas@acigroup.co.in**

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TPCODL
TP CENTRAL ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

(A Tata Power and Odisha Govt. Joint Venture)
2nd Floor, IDCO Tower, Janpath Bhubaneshwar, Odisha 751022, Odisha

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No: TPCODL/P&S/NIT/22-23/012

TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited invites open tender from eligible Bidders for the following:

Sl No	Tender Description	Tender Enquiry No.	Tender Fee Incl. of GST(Rs.)*	EMD (Rs. Lakh)**	Last date and time of Payment of Tender Fee
1	Supply of piercing connector &mid - span jointing Kit for Covered conductor.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000304 / 2022-23	5,000/-	0.50	09/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.
2	Supply & Installation of Office Furniture Across TPCODL.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000310 / 2022-23	5,000/-	2.00	09/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.
3	Supply & Installation of Racking System.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000311 / 2022-23	5,000/-	0.50	09/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.
4	RC for supply of LTDBs for DTs& LT Feeder Pillar box.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000309 / 2022-23	5,000/-	2.00	09/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.
5	PO for supply of Primary Current Injection Test Kit.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000312 / 2022-23	5,000/-	0.50	09/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.
6	Supply of Portable LT&HT Electronic Reference Standard Meter/ Testing Kit.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000313 / 2022-23	5,000/-	0.50	10/11/2022, 17.00 Hrs.

For further details of Tenders, please visit Vendor Zone/Tender Section on TPCODL website https://www.tpcentralodisha.com. Future communication/corrigendum to tender documents, if any, shall be available on website.

UNION BANK OF INDIA

Regional Office - Ernakulam, 2nd Floor, Union Bank Bhavan, M.G. Road, Ernakulam-682035
Ph: 0484-2353969, Email: cmcrldroernakulam@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on **18.11.2022** "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" for recovery of respective dues with future interest of costs to the Union Bank of India as mentioned hereunder from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Branch Name & Address: Union Bank of India, Edapally Toll Branch, Edappally Toll Jn., PO Edappally South District, Ernakulam. PIN -682024 Ph:0484-2550844
E mail: ubin0569593@unionbankofindia.bank

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: (1) Mr.Vishnu Kumar Babu, No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam.PIN- 682 021 **(2) Mr.Vishnu Kumar Babu,** Apartment No.314, S.K.Apartments, Bagalur Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560065. **(3) Mr.Vishnu Kumar Babu,** Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam.PIN- 682 021, **(4) Mr.Vishnu Kumar Babu,** Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. **(5) Mr.Anjenes,** Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu,4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam. PIN- 682 021. **(6) Mr.Anjenes,** Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. **(7) Ms. Anisha,** Daughter and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam.PIN- 682 021 **(8) Ms. Anisha,** Daughter and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. **(9) Mrs.Santhoshkumari,** Wife and Legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- PIN-682 024. **(10) Mrs.Santhoshkumari,** Wife and Legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu. No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam. PIN- 682 021.

Amount Due: Rs.48,26,496.49/- (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs twenty six thousand four hundred ninety six and forty nine paise only) outstanding as on 29.07.2022 with further interest and costs from **30.07.2022** till realization.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: Item No.I:- All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.55 ares (6.300 Cents) under Sy.No.335/1, Re.Sy.No.83/4-2, Block No.42 covered under Document No.8034 of 2008 dated 30.10.2008 in Thiruvaniyoor village, Kunnathunad Taluk, Puthencruz sub district, Ernakulam District owned by Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu. (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed No.No.8034 of 2008 dated 30.10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz) **On the North:** Property of C.A.Baskaran and Sobhana. **On the East:** Property of M.Mary **On the South:** Private Road **On the West:** Property of D.Sudhakaran and K.N.S.Nair. **Item No.II:-** All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.10 ares (5.190 cents), Old Sy.No.335/1, Re.Sy.No.83/4-1-2, Block No.42, covered under Document No.8030/2008 dated 30.10.2008 in Thiruvaniyoor village, Kunnathunad taluk, Puthencruz Sub District, Ernakulam District owned by Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu. (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed No 8030/2008 dt.30.10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz) **On the North:** Property of Biju Chandrasekhar **On the East:** Property of M.Mary **On the South:** Private Road **On the West :** Property of P.Parameswaran **Item No.III:-** All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.10 ares (5.189 cents), Old Sy.No.335/1, Re.Sy.No.83/4-2, Block No.42, Covered under Document No.8032/2008 dated 30.10.2018 in Thiruvaniyoor village, Kunnathunad Taluk, Puthencruz Sub District, Ernakulam District owned by Meleth Kumar Babu. (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed No 8032/2008 dt.30.10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz) **On the North:** Private Road **On the East:** Property of V.A.K.Nambiar **On the South:** Property of K.P.C.Unnithan **On the West:** Property of Jacob John.

Reserve Price : Item No.1:- Rs.9,00,000/-(Rupees Nine Lacs only) Item No.2:- Rs.6,50,000/-(Rupees Six Lakh fifty thousand only) Item No.3:- Rs.6,50,000/-(Rupees Six Lakh fifty thousand only) & Earnest Money to be Deposited: Item No.1:- Rs.90,000/-(Rupees Ninety thousand only), Item No.2:- Rs.65,000/- (Rupees Sixty five thousand only), Item No.3:- Rs.65,000/-(Rupees Sixty five thousand only)

• A/c No : 089321010000007 • IFSC Code : UBIN0569593 • The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil

On 18.11.2022 between 11.00 A.M and 05.00 P.M. (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions) **E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to bank's website:**https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in** and link provided in **https://www.mstcecommerce.com**
For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**

Place : Ernakulam
Date : 01-11-2022
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE No. : C/SG/C/36/5/381, Dated : 28-10-2022.

PUB/0943

For and on behalf of **President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects), South Central Railway, Secunderabad** invites E-tenders (Open) for the following work upto **15:00 hours on 06-01-2023.**

Sl.No. : 1. Description of work : Comprehensive Signalling and Telecommunication works for Provision of Automatic block Signalling System in Balharshah - Makudi section of Secunderabad Division in South Central Railway. **Tender No. :** C/SG/C/36/5/381. **Approximate value Rs. :** Rs.52,60,73,727.97. **Earnest Money Deposit :** 27,80,400.00. **Period of Completion :** 540 Days.

Please visit Indian Government Tender Portal website **www.ireps.gov.in** for all particulars including Full Description of the work, tender conditions, eligibility criteria and details, downloading of tender document of the above works.

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, (Projects), Secunderabad.
A1265

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client had entered in to an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner SMT. RASHMI K, W/o. Late. Venkatesh C, No.89, "Campan Valley", Mutsandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk. The aforesaid owner represents to my client that she lost the original registered Agreement to Sell dated 04/07/2015 vide Do. No.02839-2015-16, stored in CD.No.HSKD514 and original Sale Deed dated 09/08/2016 vide Do. No.HSK-1-03877-2016-17, stored in CD.No.HSKD576 executed by Smt. Baby, W/o. Sri. G. Keshava Reddy in favour of Smt. Radha, W/o. Sri. Gopala Reddy pertaining to the schedule property. The aforesaid owner states that she lost the said two oiriginal documents during transit and inspite of her best efforts she could not trace them back. She had also lodged a complaint on 27/10/2022 with Anugondanahalli Police Station vide C-MISS.No.360/1812/2022. Any person/s, Firm/s or institutution/s claming any manner of right, title and lien over the said documents are called upon to lodge such claim/s with the undersigned in writing within 10 (TEN) days from the date of this Publication. Further the finder of the said original documents may kindly deliver the same with the undersigned and the finder will be suitably rewarded through my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing old Sy.No.1/3, New Sy. No.1/7 measuring 0.01.04.00 Guntas, situated at Bellikere Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on the East by: Bellikere Main Road, West by: Property of R. Rajendra Babu, North by: 15 Feet width Road left in old Sy.No.1/3, and South by: Property of B N Janardhan.

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF GOA
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e-TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.8/252/2020/DAA-55 issued on 31.10.2022.

Name of the work : **RESTORATION OF CHAPORA FORT, ANJUNA BARDEZ, GOA.**

For eligibility and particpation log on to **https://eprocure.goa.gov.in**

Corrigendum / Addendum if any for the above e-Tender shall be published on **https://eprocure.goa.gov.in**

(Dr.Nilesh B.Fal Dessai)
Director of Archaeology

D1/ADVT/1291/2022

AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION) KRISHI ANUSANDHAN BHAWAN-I, NEW DELHI-110012

NOTICE

F.No. 5(01)/2022-R-II

ASRB invites online applications for filling up 349 Non-Research Management positions of the ICAR Research Institutes at ICAR Research Institutes. Candidates are required to apply online using the online application form link available on the website-http//www.asrb.org.in only. No other mode of filling of application is allowed.

The closing date(s) for submission of Online Application Form for the position of Project Coordinator, Head of Division, Head of Regional Station/ Centre shall be 07.11.2022 and for the position of Senior Scientist-cum-Head, KVK shall be 11.11.2022.

Detailed advertisement for these positions regarding the posts/pay scale/ pay level and eligibility conditions may be accessed and downloaded from the website of the Board **www.asrb.org.in**

SECRETARY, ASRB

CBC 01307/12/0003/2223

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, NO.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, OPP.CASH PHARMACY, NEAR BISHOP COTTON BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU-560 025

O.A.NO.198/2021

BETWEEN:
HDFC BANK LTD., ...APPLICANT
AND:
V.K.MOHAN & ANOTHER, SINCE DECEASED BY HIS LRS. ...DEFENDANTS

To,
1.V.K.MOHAN, SINCE DECEASED BY HIS LRS.
MR.PREM SAGAR M, S/o.LATE SRI. V K MOHAN, AGED MAJOR, NO.119, 6TH CROSS, LOWER PALACE ORCHARDS, SADASHIVA-NAGAR, BANGALORE-560 033.
2. M/S. VENKATADRI ENTERPRISES, A PARTNERSHIP FIRM, REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNERS, NO.16, KSRTC TERMINAL, SIDDHARTHNAGAR, PEENYA 1ST STAGE, BANGLAORE -560 058.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of Sum of **Rs.82,04,039/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Four Thousand and Thirty Nine Rupees only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **19/12/2022 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the **28th day of July, 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- Asst. REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BENGALURU

No. 4,LIC Building,Residency Road, Bangalore – 560 025

O.A. No.470 / 2021

Between:State Bank of India, RACPC lalbagh Road, No.73, Shantharam Bestowal, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore - 560027. **...Applicant**
And
Sandeep Gururaj Kalghatgi and others ...Defendants

To Defendants No. 2 & 3:
2. M/s. I.T Estates Represented by its Prop N.D Ravi Garden Residency, Sy No. 102/3, Kachanayakanahalli,Bommasandra, Bangalore - 560099
3. Sri. N. D. Ravi S/o Sri. Doraiswamy Raju, Prop. I.T Estates No.2 Devasandra Off BEL Road, Bangalore - 560094.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the applicant has instituted the application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts And Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs.34,39,045/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **24-02-2023 at 10:30 A.M.** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **7th day of October 2022.**

By Order Of The Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II Bangalore

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: No.2, Dare House, 1st Floor, NSC Bose Road, Chennai – 600 001.
Branch Office: Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45 & 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.
Branch Office: Lakshmi Arcade No.2, 2nd Floor, Havanur Ext, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte Nagasandra Post, Peenya, Bangalore -560073. Contact No : Mr.Janardhan, Mob. No.95904 90222

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited** the same shall be referred hereinafter as **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited.** The Secured Assets will be sold on **"As is where is","As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website: **https://bankauctions.in/**

Account No. and Name of borrower, Co-borrower, Mortgagors	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2)	Descriptions of the Property / Properties	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount
X0HEPEY00002199701 **1. Shivaprasad .S** **2. Aishwarya .S** Both Are Residing At : Flat No. J 602, 6th Floor, Sy.No 11 & 12, SM Road, Shettyhalli Jalahalli, Bangalore North - 560015. **3. M/s. A A R Jewels** Prince Town Appt J 602, 6th Flr, Nr. Ayyapan Temple, Shetty halli, Jalahalli, Bangalore North - 560015.	**07-06-2021 & Rs.38,27,557/- as on 05-06-2021**	All that piece and parcel of Flat No.602 in 6th floor measuring 905sq.ft in J Tower in PRICE Town having 404.03 Sq.ft undivided share in property bearing Sy.No.11 & Sy.No. 12, situated in Shettyhalli Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide Order No.B.DIS/ALN/SR(N)12/04-05. Presently within the limits of BBMP. And bounded on: East by: Flat No.J-601, West by: Flat No.602, North by: Entrance Lobby, South by: Open Space.	**Rs. 40,62,000/-** **Rs. 4,06,200/-** **Rs. 50,000/-**
X0HEBAN00001415017 **1. Shylaja S** **2. Vinay Kumar** Both at No. 402, Nandana Green Apts, Someshwara Layout, Shanthi Nekethan School, Bangalore South – 560076.	**07-06-2021 & Rs. 57,77,224.50/- as on 05-06-2021**	**Flat No.009:-** All that piece and parcel of bearing Flat No.009 Ground Floor 3 BHK Having Super Buildup area 1415 Sq.ft., along with 425 Sq.ft., undivided share in the property bearing Sy.No:32/5 and 32/3 and 32/4 Khatha No:982/1178 /1072/ 32/3,4,5 situated at : Bilekahalli Village, Veguhobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and presently within limits of BBMP and bounded on : East by : property of Sri.Muthappa, West by : Property of Sri.Chikka Arasappa, North by : Property of Sri.Chikka Arasappa, South by : Property of Sri.Anjanappa.	**Rs.48,00,000/-** **Rs.4,80,000/-** **Rs.50,000/-**
		Flat No.010 :- All that piece and parcel of bearing Flat No.010 Ground Floor 2 BHK Having Super Buildup area 1120 Sq.ft., along with 336 Sq.ft., undivided share in the property bearing Sy.No:32/5 and 32/3 and 32/4 Khatha No:982/1178 /1072/32/3,4,5 situated at : Bilekahalli Village, Veguhobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and presenlty within limits of BBMP and bounded on : East by : property of Sri.Muthappa, West by: Property of Sri.Chikka Arasappa, North by: Property of Sri.Chikka Arasappa, South by: Property of Sri.Anjanappa.within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub-Registration Office.	**Rs.38,40,000/-** **Rs.3,84,000/-** **Rs.50,000/-**

E-AUCTION DATE AND TIME: 22.11.2022, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each)
LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD : 21.11.2022 (upto 5.30 PM)
DATE OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTY : 10.11.2022 and 11.11.2022 (10.00 AM to 1.00 PM)

1. All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website **https://bankauctions.in/ & https://www.cholamandalam.com/auction-notices.** For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **Mr. Muhammed Rahees – 81240 00030, Ms.4 Closure.; Mr.U.Subbarao, Phone No.8142000061, Email : subbarao@bankauctions.in, Email. bharathi@bankauctions.in**
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THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002

Date: 01-11-2022
Place: Bangalore.
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited.

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Reg.Off.: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600001
Head Office: Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051
Website: www.shriramhousing.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notices are hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SHFL has taken the Symbolic possession of the mortgaged property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **28th day of October 2022.**

Borrower Name and address	Amount due as per Demand Notice	Description of Property
1. MR. RAMDAS TULJANAIK **2. MRS. ANITHA** **R/at. No. 6, Lakshmipura Main Road, Rajeshwarinagar, Dasanapura, Near Veeranjaneya Temple, Madanayakanahalli, Bangalore – 562 162** **Also At:** **No. 2/191, Gorigadda Tanda, Near Government School, Gulbarga – 585 318 – 585 318** **Also At: Mr. Ramdas Tuljanaik, R R Groups, No. 19, 1st Cross, Rajeshwarinagar, Lakshmipura, Dasanapura, Bangalore-562 162** **Also At: Site No. 4, 3rd Cross, Lakshmipura Main Road, Dasanapura, Madanayakanahalli, Bangalore – 562 162**	Rs. 28,47,070/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Seventy Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBANA0000185 as on 18.07.2022 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the receipt of said notice. Notice dated: 18.07.2022	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 4, Property No. 107/2, situated at Gramatana of Lakshmipura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 ft or 15.24 Mtrs and North to South: 30 ft or 9.14 Mtrs, totally measuring 1500 Sq. ft or 139.35 Sq. mtrs and bounded on: East by : Road. West by: Ramakrishnappa's Property. North by: Site No. 3. South by: Site No. 5.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SHFL is in the lawful Symbolic possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SHFL.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 28-10-2022
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Housing Finance Limited

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

Haji Ali Park, K. Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400 034.
website www.aiipmr.gov.in
ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from candidates for admission to the following courses for the academic year 2022-23.

Name of the Course	Duration	Eligibility Requirement
Bachelor of Prosthetics & Orthotics (BPO)	4 & ½ yers.	Selection will be on the basis of NEET score and guidelines. Candidates should apply with current year NEET Score and Class 12 Mark sheet on or before 14/11/2022. The candidate must be an Indian National. Admissions are subject to grant of approval of continuation of the course from Rehabilitation Council of India
Entrance test for the following courses will be conducted on 27/11/2022, date may change hence candidates are instructed to check the Institute website regulary. Last date for submission of filled in application forms is 14/11/2022, for MPO, MPT, MaTh, FCRPT, FCROT courses.		
Master of Prosthetics & Orthotics (MPO)	2 yers	Bachelor's degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics (P &O) from an Institute/ College recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India with compulsory completion of Internship of 6 months. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 31/07/2022. Certificate of registration with Rehabilitation Council of India. New Delhi. The candidate must be an Indian National. Candidates who have obtained B.P.O. degree from distance learning mode will not be eligible. (As per MUHS Circular No.8/2017 & Outward No. MUHS/C-5/PG. Allied/1280/2017 dated 16.8.2017)
Master of Physiotherapy (MPT)	2 yers	Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. Date of completion of Internship- On or before 31/07/2022. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council. # The candidate must be an Indian National.
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Physiotherapy (FCRPT)	1 yer	
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOTh)	3 yers.	Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship Date of completion of Internship - On or before 31/07/2022. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council #. The candidate must be an Indian National.
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy (FCROT)	1 yer.	

A) **APPLICATION FORMS & PROSPECTUS:** i) Application form and prospectus can be downloaded from Institute website **www.aiipmr.gov.in**. Duly filled in application form is to be mailed to this Institute along with application fees.
B) Application fee (Non-refundable) for BPO,MPO,MPT,FCRPT,MOTh,FCROT courses is as given below:-
i) For MPO, MPT, FGRPT, MOTh, FCROT courses, For general category candidates - Rs.650/-
ii) For SC/ST/PH Category Candidates Rs.550/-.
iii) For BPO course it is For general category candidates Rs. 350/-.
iv) For SC/ST/PH category Candidates it is Rs.250/-.
v) Payment will be accepted in the form of Demand Draft only from Nationalized Bank, to be drawn in favour of **'Director, AIIPMR' Payable at Mumbai**. Payment in any other form will not be accepted. The fees once paid is non-refundable and non- transferable under any circumstances.
vi) Application received after last date will be rejected.
C) Other relevant details-iire mentioned in the Prospectus. Applicants are requested to go through the same before applying.
D) Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/PH will be done according to government guidelines.
Implemention for EWS reservation will depend on receipt of required approvals for the same.
Note: - Admissions are subject to grant of affiliation from University and recognitions by respective councils for all courses.
for candidate from out of Maharashtra, time will be given to obtain the same with payment of **late fee to be paid to the University**.
In View of The Covid-19 pandemic, the entrance examination may be preponed/postponed or cancelled, changes if any will be updated on the Institute website **www.aiipmr.gov.in** Candidates are instructed to check the same regularly.

CBC 17134/12/0002/2223 **Sd/- Director**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/2594 Dated:29.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1)**Drone survey for Land Acquisition in back waters of Almatti Reservoir between 519.600 mtr & 524.256 mtr - **Indent No. 23162 Rs. 126.75 Lakhs (2)** Outsourcing of collection of Entry fees from the Visitors/Tourist for Musical Dancing Fountain, Multimedia Laser Show, 3D Projection Mapping and other 77 acre Landscape gardens i.e., Moghal garden, Italian early and later, French garden etc., at Almatti Dam Site for One Year (2022-23) **– (REP) Rs. 162.75 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 02-11-2022 to 16-11-2022 up to 5-00 PM. Pre bid meeting Date. 09-11-2022 at 11-00AM to 12-00PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 18-11-2022 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 21-11-2022 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnatak.gov.in/eportal /index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

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ROHITH VEMULA'S MOTHER JOINS RAHUL ON YATRA

Rohith Vemula's mother, Radhika Vemula, walked with Congress MP Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra on Tuesday. "Rohith Vemula is and will remain a symbol of my struggle against social discrimination and injustice," Gandhi said, remembering the Dalit student who killed himself in 2016, following alleged harassment. The Congress from its official Twitter handle and several party leaders tweeted pictures of Radhika walking with Gandhi during the Yatra.

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Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

For more information call 181 or visit https://jankalyan.rajasthan.gov.in

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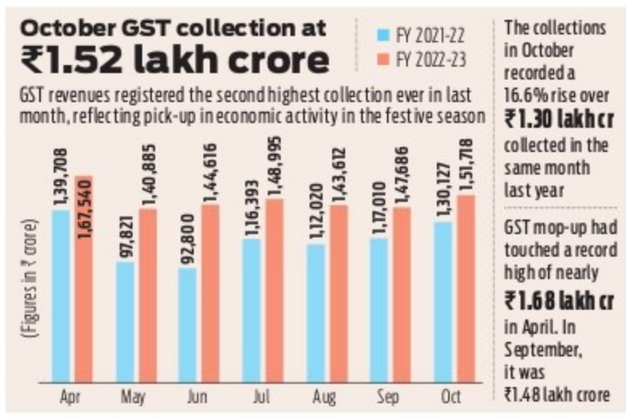

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47 kids among victims; Modi visits site, seeks full inquiry

Five-member expert team, forensics experts begin probe into bridge collapse

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday sought a full inquiry into all aspects of the Morbi suspension bridge collapse that killed at least 141 holiday revellers, at a review meeting after he visited the ill-fated bridge and the local hospital where the injured are undergoing treatment.

At least 47 children perished in the accident — 31 boys and 16 girls under the age of 16, with the youngest being a two-year-old. Bodies of 58 other men and 27 women have been recovered so far. While the official toll is 132, the unofficial one in 141 and counting as a few are still reported missing.

Gujarat minister Rajendra Trivedi put the figure of those safely rescued at 170. Only 17 of them are still under hospital care, he added. Six of those injured are taking treatment at the hospital Modi visited.

Members of the armed forces, National Disaster Response Force and other rescue agencies are at work since Sunday when the British-era suspension bridge gave way.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi at the Morbi bridge collapse site in Gujarat, on Tuesday | PTI

At the review meeting, the prime minister said key learnings from the inquiry must be implemented at the earliest. He directed the authorities to stay in touch with the affected families and ensure they are provided with all possible assistance at this tragic hour.

Modi also interacted with those involved with the relief and rescue operations. The high-level review meeting was attended by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, his ministerial colleagues Harsh Sanghavi and Brijesh Merja, the chief secretary, local lawmakers and other officials.

A five-member high-powered committee formed by the state government to investigate the incident, inspected the site on Tuesday along with a team of forensics experts. They photographed the broken cables, studied the technical aspects of the structure and examined the at the bridge tower.

Sources said forensics officers used gas cutters to collect samples of the just-renovated cable bridge. P8

Ex-gratia paid to all

"The kin of the deceased have already been paid ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh each announced by the Gujarat government. A compensation of ₹2 lakh announced by the PM will be sent soon through direct bank transfer," minister Rajendra Trivedi informed

Hospital spruced up

Ahead of the PM's visit to a government hospital to meet the survivors of the tragedy, a portion of the building was cleaned up and given a fresh coat of paint

Appu conferred Karnataka Ratna award

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and superstar Rajinikanth present the Karnataka Ratna, which was conferred on late actor Puneeth Rajkumar, to his wife Ashwini Puneeth, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The programme was attended by several dignitaries, including Infosys Foundation founder Sudha Murty, and actors Shivarajkumar and Junior NTR | VINOD KUMAR T

GLOBAL INVESTORS MEET BEGINS TODAY

The Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2022 will kick off on Wednesday, with the state expecting a bounty in investment opportunities during the three-day mega event. Meanwhile, the government is also focusing on filling up vacancies. There are plans to fill 2.5 lakh vacancies in the government sector in the next two years, of which one lakh posts will be filled this year itself. These jobs will be provided to Kannadigas. P4

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government, on the 67th Rajyotsava Day on Tuesday, honoured late actor Puneeth Rajkumar with the state's highest civilian award, 'Karnataka Ratna', posthumously.

The award instituted in 1992 to reward a person for his/her extraordinary contribution in any field, was conferred on Rashtrakavi Kuvempu and Dr Rajkumar.

After 30 years, the film industry and especially one among Dr Rajkumar's family has received the honour again. Many members of Dr Rajkumar's family, including Puneeth's brothers superstar Shivarajkumar and Raghavendra Rajkumar attended the ceremony to witness the award conferred on Puneeth, who passed away on October 29 last year due to cardiac arrest, aged 46.

Puneeth's wife Ashwini Revanath said, "Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is dear to our family. He and his government have done a lot for Puneeth. So I thank everyone on behalf of our family," Ashwini said. P8

TNIE IMPACT

L-G acts on Sukesh letter, seeks probe

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

A day after this newspaper broke the story about jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar's explosive letter to Delhi Lieutenant-Governor V K Saxena alleging he was forced to pay ₹10 crore 'protection money' to jailed AAP leader Satyendra Jain, a senior official confirmed that the L-G has taken cognizance of the letter.

"We had forwarded that letter on October 18 to Delhi chief secretary for further necessary action," a senior official told this newspaper.

Currently lodged at Delhi's Mandoli jail, Chandrashekhar had written to the L-G on October 10 and claimed that he not made payments not only to Jain but also to the Aam Aadmi Party to the tune of ₹50 crore as he was promised an important position in the party in south India.

However, the AAP rejected the allegations terming them politically motivated. "Just two days ago we had the tragic incident at Morbi and yesterday this news was all over the media and it was there in every news channel. Now a day later, instead of the Morbi incident, all news channels are focusing on Sukesh Chandrasekhar. Do you not think that this has been done intentionally?" Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said in a media briefing.

He alleged the controversy is based on a fictitious piece of news planted by people with vested interest to divert attention from Morbi.

Satyendra Jain

Sukesh Chandrashekhar

A GIFT FOR TOURISTS

A glimpse of Hampi through light & sound

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
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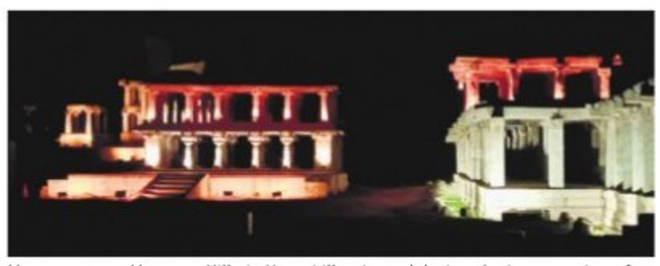
IN what can be called a Rajyotsava gift for Hampi lovers, tourists can now catch a glimpse of 18 monuments in the UNESCO world heritage site Hampi during evening hours through a light and sound show. The project 'Hampi by Night', which was hanging fire for a year due to technical reasons, was finally inaugurated by Tourism Minister Anand Singh on Tuesday. The project was also held up for want of clearance from Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority (HWHAMA) and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Under 'Hampi by Night' show, 18 prominent monuments of Hampi, including Virupalsha Temple, Vijaya Vittala temple complex and Sasivekalu Ganesha statues will be lit up between 7 pm and 9 pm. Initially, the show will run during weekends and on holidays. The administration plans to organise the show on all days of the week, depending on public response. A private company has been outsourced the operations of 'Hampi by Night', under the supervision of district administration and HWHAMA.

An official said, "the administration is also planning to introduce QR codes for tourists to enlighten them with correct information about the monuments. Boards have already come up at the monuments and tourists can use their Android phones to scan the information."


Monuments on Matanga Hills in Hampi illuminated during the inauguration of 'Hampi By Night' on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Kantara enters ₹300-crore club

RAM VENKAT SRIKAR

EVER since its release on September 30, the buzz around Kannada action drama *Kantara* has only become louder with each screening. The filmmakers' decision to dub it across Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi has made it a pan-Indian cinema reaping rich rewards.

The film, which became the most viewed in Karnataka last month registering over 77 lakh footfalls in 25 days, has now surpassed another milestone. Sources close to the production house, Hombale Films, state that the Rishab Shetty directorial has touched the ₹300-crore mark at the box office, with half of the collections coming from Karnataka alone.

Producer S R Prabhu, who has distributed the film in Tamil Nadu through his Dream Warrior Pictures, is elated. "The film registered its highest collections last Sunday (October 30)," he notes, exactly a month after its original release, making this a rather admirable feat. Highlighting that the film has done "incredibly well commercially", he says: "It continues to do well. We believe it has another two-three weeks left in it."

This success has warranted comparisons with the blockbuster run of another Kannada film, *KGF 2*. However, Prabhu believes such a comparison is unfair. "There are a lot of differences like the opening day numbers, the number of screens allocated etc," he says. *Kantara*'s portrayal of rituals and local customs has garnered praise and Prabhu, too, attributes the film's success to its rootedness. *(With inputs from A Sharadhaa)*

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EXPRESS READ

Now, file FIRs on vehicle thefts on police website

Bengaluru: The Karnataka police has launched a website to enable people to register complaints if their vehicles are lost or stolen. Complaints can be lodged on the website www.ksp.karnataka.gov.in, and get the First Information Report (FIR) soon after. The service was launched last week, and since then, police have received around 600 online complaints on motor vehicle (MV) thefts in Karnataka | P7

Davanagere bags transport award

Davanagere: Davanagere Smart City Limited has bagged the 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport' for its effective implementation of safety and security system and maintenance of records, according to a press release from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs | P8

BOY WONDER

Cobra dies of child bite in Chhattisgarh!

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN a bizarre incident, an eight-year-old boy bit a cobra snake to death after it got wrapped around his hand in remote Pandarpadh village in Jashpur district, about 350 km northeast of Raipur.

Deepak was bitten by a poisonous cobra while he was playing in the backyard of his house on Monday. "The snake got wrapped around my hand and bit me. I was in great pain. As the reptile didn't budge when I tried to shake it off, I bit it hard twice. It all happened in a flash," he told the local media.

His family rushed him to a nearby primary health centre. "He was quickly administered anti-snake venom and kept under observation for the entire day and discharged," said Dr Jems Minj, block medical officer.

"Deepak didn't show any symptoms and recovered fast owing to the dry bite when the poisonous snake strikes but no venom is released. Such snakebites are painful and may show only local symptoms around the area of bite," explained Qaiser Hussain, snake expert.

Such cases are rare. "I have never come across such an incident in Jashpur district," said Ramesh Sharma, a senior journalist. Jashpur is a tribal district, which is also known as *Naglok* (abode of serpents) because it has over 200 species of snakes, he said.

Eight-year-old Deepak (left) who bit a cobra (right) and killed it | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Navami 10.39 pm
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• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 19°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST
Showers early. Overcast

Sunrise 6.13 am
Sunset 5.52 pm
Moonrise 1.43 pm
Moonset 12.35 am

ENTRANCE OF 162-YR-OLD POST OFFICE 'BEAULIEU' REOPENS AFTER DECADES

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

NEXT time you visit the office of the Chief Postmaster General (CPMG) of Karnataka in Bengaluru, you will be in for a surprise. The magnificient 'Beaulieu' heritage building, built in the 1860s, had its original entrance closed for decades, which has now been reopened after being given a facelift.

Heritage enthusiast and founder of 'Heritage Beku' Priya Chetty-Rajagopal was instrumental in giving an aesthetic appeal to the entrance by pursuing the matter with top postal officials since February 2021.

As a result, the entrance, which lies off Seshadri Road, was opened last week by the postal department without much publicity. The new entrance runs parallel to Palace Road and is located next to the Centre for Continuing Technical Education, Government Polytechnic for Women.

The historic building with a French name, that translates to 'Beautiful Place', was converted into the CPMG office in 1966.

CPMG, Karnataka Circle, Rajendra S Prasad told TNIE that the new entrance can play a positive role in attracting more visitors and staff to the office. "The Vidhana Soudha Metro station is just 800 metres away from this entrance. We cleaned the place entirely and put up a painting on the wall. Even those walking past this road can get a glimpse of this heritage structure through the opening created here."

Rajagopal told *The New Indian Express*, "I always felt something was amiss whenever I looked at the building. It suddenly dawned on me early last year, in pouring rain actually, that the right view of the building was obtained only from its back portion. After some research I learnt that this was the original entrance that had been closed decades ago."

Rajagopal is delighted that the postal department has acted upon her recommendation. "This change can create a huge difference in the perception of people about the heritage building," she said. However, Rajagopal feels the entrance needs to be made bigger by taking some space from the government institutions bordering it or sharing their entries so that cars too can drive through, if required.

Members of the public visit the CPMG office to take part in Dak Adalats, sort out issues with postal life insurance policies, pensions or for business queries.

The 'Beaulieu' heritage building and (right) the new entrance | EXPRESS

EXPERTS' TAKE

'School adoption drive unsuccessful'

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE adoption of government schools, an initiative of the Karnataka government for the improvement of infrastructure, maintenance and quality of education, has come in for criticism from educationists. The move was called out for shrugging off responsibility and failure to improve the education system.

In 2020, 1,500 schools were adopted by various universities, MLAs and even private companies as part of their CSR activity. With Professor MR Doreswamy, formal adviser, education reforms, Karnataka government, returning to his post in July 2022, the number rose to 2,400 adopted schools till October.

D Shashi Kumar, an educationist, termed Prof Doreswamy's intention good, but said that it did not translate into anything substantial. For over 20 years now, the adoption drive is being taken through various schemes but has only improved the quality of the education system in terms of infrastructure, however, there is no learning outcome.

"No quality improvement has happened over time, and the government has shrugged off its responsibility towards universities, companies and MLAs," Kumar said. They spend almost 90 per cent of the funds on salaries, but don't look at other aspects of the system, he said.

Prof Doreswamy said the adoption drive was still relatively new, and will take time to show improvements. Any change in strategy would take time, he said, adding that the government is providing support for reformative measures.

Phase II of educational reforms initiated in July 2022 even suggested that medical universities/ colleges adopt around 300 schools in their vicinity to extend healthcare services to students.

PES University Vice-Chancellor Dr Suryaprasad J said the university adopted nine flood-affected schools early this year in the North Karnataka region. Their primary aim is to build infrastructure for the schools and they have not hired any teachers as of now, to meet the shortage, if any.

CM BATS FOR AWARDS FOR YOUTH

Asks ministers to change 60-yr age rule

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PRESTIGIOUS awards instituted by the state government should be bestowed on young achievers, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said as this will inspire them to achieve big in life. Speaking after distributing Rajyotsava Award to 67 achievers from various fields on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava on Tuesday, the CM said the guidelines say that the award should be conferred on those who have attained 60 years of age. "But, age has nothing to do with achievement. In fact, many who got the award made significant achievements when they were young, but have waited for many years for awards and recognition. This has to change from the next year," he added and asked the ministers and officials sitting on the dais to make necessary changes to the guidelines in this regard.

Citing the example of late actor Puneeth Rajkumar, the CM said his achievements are immense and an inspiration to millions and hence the government decided to confer the highest civilian award of the state, Karnataka Ratna, on him. "If awards are given to youngsters, it will encourage them to achieve more besides inspiring other youngsters," Bommai added.

Further, he asked Kannada and Culture Minister V Sunil Kumar to contact all winners of the Rajyotsava Award, interact with them, take their suggestions on building a strong Karnataka and prepare a document of the same. "It is very important to take their feedback as they all have achieved by fighting against all odds, be it in the system or the situation," Bommai said.

Hundreds of people attend the Karnataka Rajyotsava function in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Cultural events mark Rajyotsava

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FROM musical soirees to celebratory rallies, folk art performances to cultural programmes, various day-long events were held across the city as part of Kannada Rajyotsava on Tuesday.

South East Division police opened libraries in some police stations which were opened to the public by senior.

Libraries have been opened at Koramangala, Mico Layout and Electronics City police stations. Books by various authors, including Kuvempu, Dr Bendre and Chandrasekhar Kambara will be available in the libraries as well as and newspapers. Anyone coming to the stations can get the books from the library and read.

The Department of School Education and Literacy and Integrated Education Karnataka organised a function at at Kanteerava Stadium where Education Minister B C Nagesh delivered the Rajyotsava message to schoolchildren.

At Jakkur Telecom Layout, a musical programme was held. At Yeshwanthpur assembly segment, various cultural programmes were inaugurated by Minister S T Somashekar. The programme titled 'Kannada Jhenkara' will be a week-long event to mark the 67th year of Rajyotsava. Folk arts and classical singing among others will all be held at Gayatri Mandir.

As part of the celebration at Sapna Book House group, 'Pustaka Jatre', a book fair was held in which books by popular Kannada writers and young authors were on display. Speaking after the inauguration of the fair, Infosys Foundation Founder Sudha Murty said, "Kannada books should be popularised, writers should be encouraged and children should be motivated to read Kannada books."

The Praveen Shetty faction of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike took out a march carrying the Kannada flag in Mahadevpura. The Kannada Vatal Paksha, led by Vatal Nagaraj, offered puja to Goddess Bhuvaneshwari and held a celebration rally at Mysuru Bank.

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Just 3,673 pourakarmikas to be made permanent

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ON the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, pourakarmikas have expressed disappointment at the government's recent draft to regularise the jobs of just over 3,500 contract civic workers.

Voicing their anguish, the pourakarmikas said, "We are residents of the state as well. We keep the entire city clean. Giving permanent employment to just 3,000 out of 18,000 pourakarmikas working in the city is unfair."

The state government had agreed to employ pourakarmikas, currently working on contract basis, as permanent employees in the state cabinet meeting in September.

However, the draft proposed by the government on September 26 stated that only 3,673 pourakarmikas will be regularised.

Maitreyi Krishnan, All India Central Council for Trade Unions (AICCTU), said civic workers, including loaders, garbage truck drivers and sewage cleaning workers, have been protesting for years seeking regularisation of their jobs.

"Following protests, the government had agreed in July that the contract system will be completely removed and all workers will be made permanent," she said. So now they have decided to hold a convention on November 6 to put pressure on the government to fulfil its assurance.

Worker Unions and pourakarmikas have been protesting for basic workers' rights of equal pay, maternity benefits, weekly-off and leaves and entitlement to gratuity among others.

Jazeera Airways to link Kuwait to B'luru

Bengaluru: Kuwaiti low-cost airline — Jazeera Airways — will launch its operations in Bengaluru on Thursday. It will operate two flights to the city twice a week — on Thursdays and Saturdays — from Kuwait. The launch is part of the airline's expansion in India. Jazeera Airways is now flying to all destinations specified under the bilateral between the two countries. It started operations in the country with Hyderabad in 2017 and is currently serving eight destinations. It has 30 direct services to Kuwait and beyond from India. **ENS**

CITY WILL BE POTHOLE-FREE BY NOV 10, SAYS BBMP CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Bengaluru: Stressing that filling of potholes and asphalting of roads are going on on a war footing, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath promised that Bengaluru will become pothole-free by November 10. "As many as 1,000 to 1,500 potholes are being filled on a daily basis, and by November 6, we will be able to cover 95 per cent of the target. By November 10, all the potholes in the city will be filled," he told reporters after taking part in the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at the BBMP head-office on Tuesday. The Palike has strictly instructed its officials to complete the task by the deadline, and warned them of action for any delay. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND November : I'd like to mention Mars today, one of our favourite planets. It's possible that by the time you read this we may have discovered evidence of life on Mars: the announcement could come at any time and we're not talking about little green men. It's more likely we'll find traces of microscopic worms or microbes.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You can work with your horoscope, rather than waiting around while fate makes up your mind for you. The only way to cope successfully with your current transits is to build as broad a basis of support as you can. Your social relationships will act as a safety net, preserving you from a promised hard landing.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
I am sure that a loved one has been all too ready to pursue a cavalier approach. It has been easy to dodge personal issues by immersing yourself in work or some other worldly ambition, but perhaps you do now need to face up to intimate, deeply emotional questions.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Push yourself to the limit. The best estimation of your prospects indicates that you must make up for lost time in addition to coping with fresh responsibilities. Don't fall back on old excuses to avoid facing your destiny. Have courage, Gemini!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Certain doors may now have to be closed. I am not telling you to turn your back on opportunity, but I do think that you should be more selective in future. Concentrate your energy on areas which are bound to bring success, and avoid time-wasting offers.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are almost certainly unaware of deeper planetary movements which are even now affecting the most hidden recesses of your psyche. But do be assured that for the rest of the year, authority, tradition and stability are the keywords in your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There's no rest for the wicked, as the old saying goes. There's no rest for you either, so you may as well recognise that relaxation will be in short supply. Keep your nose to the grindstone and get as much done as you can. The more you do now, the more time off you'll have later on.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
All you have to do is be yourself. Easy advice, I know. I also realise that this may be the hardest thing in the world to achieve, but there's no harm in trying, is there? The general planetary picture is very optimistic, so set off with a song in your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's been a great deal of talk lately about the need to save face. This is a concept which means a great deal to you, and people you live with had better recognise this. The best way to placate you is to make you feel that you've won - even if you haven't!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Reassuring relationships connect Mars, Jupiter and other helpful planets. In plain language this means that personal relationships dovetail with overseas links. A perfect time for a long-distance trip perhaps? You should certainly pay special attention to all foreign connections.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The benevolent planet Jupiter balances the aggressive planet Mars. The result? Well, for a start I'd say you're being set up for an increase in your earnings. Luck doesn't come into it. Instead it's all thanks to your own hard work. Give yourself a pat on the back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It will be a rare individual who doesn't recognise that every difficulty conceals a host of benefits. There is so much going for you at the moment that you may finally have your cake - and eat it! Other people may be envious of what they see, rightly or wrongly, as your good fortune.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There is good in everyone and a bright side to every offer. In many respects you will fare better than most people, if only because what is awkward for them comes perfectly naturally to you. May I remind you that this is no time for moral backsliding, so stiffen that back-bone!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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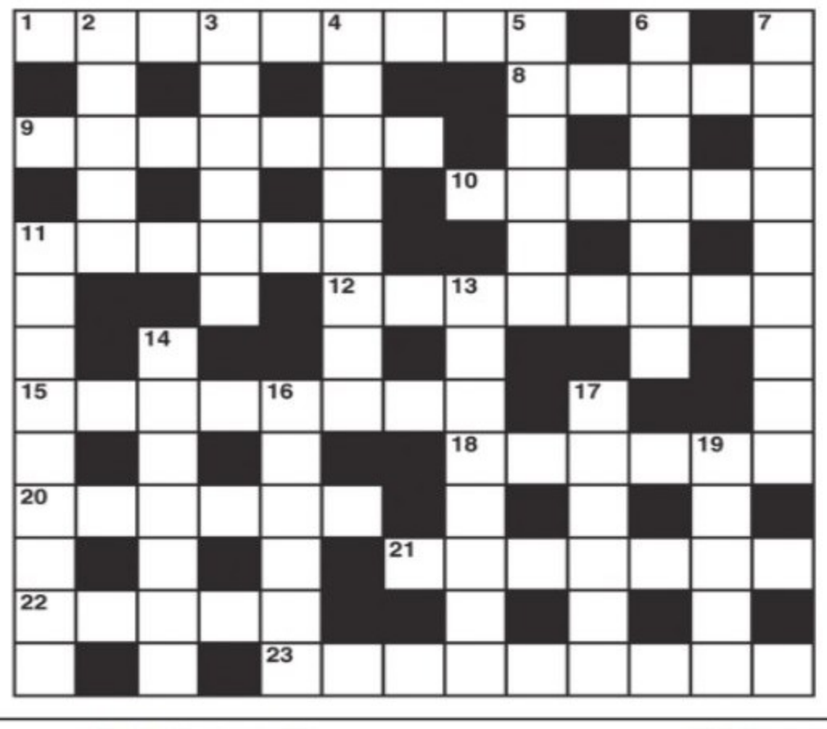
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Nurseryman's guarded forecast about hawthorn? (9)
8 A torn stub joins at the sides (5)
9 It involves a rubber as games have to be replayed (7)
10 How to amuse motorists? Hardly! (6)
11 This is something between Greece and Turkey (6)
12 Reduction as included in the order (8)
15 Acrobats in glasses (8)
18 Entertains doctors (6)
20 Make a second charge for killing? (6)
21 Maybe first or second row in exam (7)
22 Strange glee I come across in Belgium (5)
23 A foreign girl who drops in after marriage (9)

DOWN
2 Saw notice on time (5)
3 One who eats less more quickly (6)
4 I'd turn up in a sort of orange fabric (8)
5 Weapon needs new repair (6)
6 A grave commitment that may turn out to be real fun (7)
7 Hot lines upset Rose Smith (9)
11 Simply gives us tea when out; depend upon it! (9)
13 The sort of alibi which has not been forged (4,4)
14 Insinuates one politician isn't truthful (7)
16 Doesn't eat the green stuff (6)
17 No rise can be arranged for the one at the top (6)
19 Mark II (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Airport, 4 Award, 7 Orgy, 8 Crackers, 10 Follow suit, 12 Rather, 13 Refund, 15 Fatal error, 18 Clean-cut, 19 Beef, 20 Noted, 21 Riposte.

Down: 1 Aloof, 2 Regulate, 3 Thrush, 4 Archimedes, 5 Aced, 6 Descend, 9 Forewarned, 11 Quarters, 12 Rubicon, 14 Valuer, 16 Rifle, 17 Bent.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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We're going to have to start staffing.
I already have a help wanted ad online, and I'll put this sign up now.
THE PROCESS OF HIRING EMPLOYEES FOR HER NEW BUSINESS WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHIRP ADULT SLOWLY ADRIFT
Answer: The kindness of the doctors, nurses, etc. at the medical facility was a form of — HOSPITALITY

A PFI activist from Madikeri and three others from Dakshina Kannada have been named in the wanted list in the BJP activist Praveen Nettaru murder. While the accused from Madikeri is Thufail MH, the other accused are Mohammed Mustafa S, Umar Farooq MR and Abbubaker Siddique

'Hyperactive' chain snatcher 'Devi' arrested

B K LAKSHMIKANTHA @Mysuru

SARASWATHIPURAM police recently arrested a habitual chain snatcher Faraz, who is also known as 'Devi' in the world of crime. But the interesting part is that Faraz was named after a Hindu goddess by none other than his close Muslim friends.

Shy and introvert by nature, Faraz reportedly becomes hyperactive and aggressive just as he starts his motorcycle to commit his crimes, snatching gold chains from women. Just as in the Hindu tradition, during Parakaya Pravesha when Goddess Shakti is believed to enter a human body and the person acts erratically and impetuously, police claimed that Faraz behaves as if he is having Parakaya Pravesha when he rides his bike.

"It was not the police, but Faraz's own close friends and associates in Mandi Mohalla who named him 'Devi'. His friends claim that Faraz behaves as if the goddess has entered his body when he rides his bike," a police officer told *TNIE*.

During interrogation, Faraz reportedly challenged the police that they stand no chance of catching him, when he rides his bike.

A special team was formed by Krishnaraja, Saraswathipuram and Ashokapuram police stations to nab the 31-year-old accused. Finally, the Saraswathipuram police apprehended him on October 29 in Mysuru, following information given by his associate.

With his arrest, the police solved eight chain-snatching cases in Mysuru and Mandya districts, and recovered nine gold chains weighing 290 grams, valued at ₹13 lakh. The police solved chain-snatching cases that took place in Saraswathipuram, Vijayanagar, Mandi, Vidyaranyapuram, Kuvempunagar and Srirangapatna police station limits.

Police said Faraz was a wanted criminal who was on the run. He is involved in around 80 chain-snatching cases in Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru, and had a warrant from KR police station. He was involved in nine chain snatching cases in just five months.

"While Faraz is an expert in riding bikes, his associate is an expert in riding scooters. They snatch the gold chains and sell them in the city, and with the money they make, they lead a lavish life," the officer said.

Lost your vehicle? File complaint online

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

IF you have lost your vehicle anywhere in Karnataka, you now don't have to run from one police station to the other to register your complaint. You can just log into the Karnataka police website www.ksp.karnataka.gov.in and register a complaint regarding the theft online, and get the FIR soon after.

"One of the major complaints from the public is regarding registration of FIRs when they lose their motor vehicles. Jurisdiction (of place of theft) is a major issue. Filing an FIR is a time-consuming process and we understand the agony of the person who has lost his/her vehicle and is made to run from pillar to post. FIR is mandatory to claim vehicle insurance," said DG&IGP, Praveen Sood.

Since 99% of complaints about MV thefts are genuine, police have made registration of FIRs online a pilot project. "One has to log into the Karnataka police website and follow the steps. Online registration of a complaint must mandatorily follow the complainant's digital signature, using Aadhaar authentication," said the top cop.

The digital platform will throw up the name of the jurisdictional police station after the complainant gives the location of the theft in his complaint. Similarly, the details of the lost vehicle will also be authenticated from its registration number, with the integration of Vahan, a Central government registry of motor vehicles. The service was launched last week, and since then, police have received around 600 online complaints on MV thefts in Karnataka. The digital service has been integrated in the Crime & Criminal Tracking Network & Systems model of the police. "As the next step, we propose to add 'undetected' or closure ('C') report, which will be made available online to people whose vehicles have not been detected, on the 91st day from the date of registration of the FIR," said Sood.

Under the CrPC, police are given 90 days to investigate and chargesheet a case from the date of registration of the FIR. For the theft victim, the 'undetected' or 'C' report is a must to claim insurance.

There are around 6,000 to 7,000 MV theft cases registered in Karnataka annually. The online FIR service has been introduced to reduce the burden of the victims of theft.

Highway hospitals unfit for treating trauma patients, says CAG report

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE Comptroller and Auditor General of India's 2021 performance report on the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority (KSRSA) has unearthed a dismal lack of infrastructure, especially facilities for treating trauma cases, in district hospitals along National Highways in Karnataka.

The authority has established that no action plan was formed to create trauma care centres in 22 districts of the state. "Accident victims did not receive timely medical care in about 90,000 cases, attributed to the base set-up of ambulances far away, or a delay in dispatching ambulances to the scene of accident. In 6,000 cases, the delay in dispatch was over 30 minutes," the CAG report further shows.

Also, the 2015 objective of the KSRSA seeking reduction in road accidents and deaths was not fulfilled. The audit report noticed that the targets set in 2015 were not met, with the fatality rate having risen by 2020.

Medical facilities along National Highways must provide definitive care to trauma patients, with specialists including surgeons and orthopedists being available round the clock. In an accident in Ramanagara, for instance, a patient succumbed to injury due to the unavailability of a specialist on call, and had to be shifted to another hospital. In a bike accident on the highway in Tumakuru, a pillion-rider lost his life to injuries while being shifted to a private hospital, due to lack of facilities at the nearest government hospital.

As part of an inspection recently, two district hospitals in Belagavi and Gadag were also examined. These two districts in North Karnataka had an overall 17 per cent shortage of staff and 30 per cent shortage of specialists. The sanctioned strength only worked a single shift and only a single doctor was available in hospitals for the rest of the day. The report also noted that an efficient emergency response system in providing proper medical care would improve chances of survival.

Meanwhile, the report recommends the KSRSA to issue directions to the road managing authorities (RMAs) to prepare an action plan for rectification of identified black spots, and to undertake maintenance work. They should also ensure that RMAs maintain comprehensive data of roads under their jurisdiction and update it periodically. Strengthening of highway patrolling and adequate number of base locations for ambulances was suggested to reduce response time.

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BENGALURU: Three bike lifters, who were stealing two-wheelers parked outside houses in the North East division, including Yelahanka, New Airport Road, Chikkajala and other areas, have been arrested by the Vidyaranyapura police. Twenty-three two-wheelers worth Rs 15 lakh have been recovered from the trio identified as Sheik Nissar (20), Sahil Pasha (27), and Sheik Thousif (21). The arrests were made following a complaint from Hemachandra, after the two-wheeler which he had parked at MS Palya before going to work was stolen. The accused were selling the stolen bikes by changing the number plates.

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(1) E-Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores AMM/Stores/E/04/2022 (Tender No. 72225994, Due Date : 30.11.2022)
Description : Supply, Erection, Commissioning and testing of 36 KW Electric Operated drying Oven for E3A section as per ELS/ED Technical Specification No.SA/A/RS/ED/Spec/Oven 36 KW, dt. 27-9-2022. Note : The compliance for each point of the technical specification to be submitted along with the tender. Item to be supplied along with warranty certificate.
(2) E-Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores AMM/Stores/E/05/2022 (Tender No. 72225995, Due Date : 30.11.2022)
Description : Supply, Erection, Commissioning and testing of 45 KW Electric operated drying Oven for TM section as per ELS/ED Technical Specification No.SA/A/RS/ED/Spec/ Oven 45 KW, dt.28-9-2022. Note : The compliance for each point of the technical specification to be submitted along with the tender. Item to be supplied along with warranty certificate.
(3) E-Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores AMM/Stores/E/06/2022 (Tender No. 72225965, Due Date : 30.11.2022)
Description : Capacitor harmonic filter, As per CLW Specn. No.CLW/ES/3/0087 Alt. A or latest. Note : 1. Imported make only required (M/s. EPCOS AG / Germany (or) M/s. ICAR Italy (or) M/s. Vishay Esta only), 2. Dealer should submit authorised dealership certificate from OEM along with tender.
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Ministry of Culture Government of India
South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur 613004
(Ministry of Culture, Government of India)
E-Tender Notification
Request for Proposal (RFP)
Republic Day Celebrations – 2023
Vande Bharatham programme
(Regarding the Agency's services for design and execution of State and Zonal Level Dance Competitions related to Vande Bharatham Festival-2023)
"Vande Bharatham – Dance Festival – 2023" is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Sealed, technical and financial proposals are invited by the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur to select an organization for the design and execution of the festival. A detailed report is available at Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/2681062 dated 28.10.2022 of GeM Portal of Govt of India & the Centre's website www.szccindia.org. Last date to apply is 04.11.2022 (up to 08.00 PM).
Note:- 1. For other details please contact the following SZCC officials;
Mr.R.A.Raveenthera Kumar, Programme Unit Officer, Ph: 04362-240072 & Mb: 9597586109, Mr.G.Meenakshinatha Pillai, Accounts Unit Officer, Ph: 04362-240072 & Mb: 9080165187 & Mr. R.Umashankar, Accounts Unit Officer, Mb.9940946361
2. Any corrections/changes will be intimated at; GEM/2022/B/2681062 of GeM Portal of Govt of India dated 28.10.2022 and Center's website www.szccindia.org
The Director, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur 613004,
Phone: 04362-240072
Email: southzoneculturalcentre@gmail.com

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Contract Name	Licensing of Semi-Naming Rights in 11 CMRL Metro Stations of Corridor I & II of Phase 1-Chennai
Contract No	CMRL/BD/SNR/2022/490/03
Documents downloaded from	From 02/11/2022 to 29/11/2022 up to 17.00 hrs through e- tendering website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Pre-Bid Meeting Date	11/11/2022 on 11.30 hrs at CMRL Office- Admin Building, Koyambedu, Chennai -107.
Due Date of Bid Submission	29/11/2022 upto 17.00 hours (IST)
Date of Bid Opening	30/11/2022 at 17.05 hours (IST)

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Tender inviting Authority : Chief General Manager (P&BD), Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High Road, Koyambedu, Chennai – 600 107 Phone 044- 2379 2000 / www.chennaimetrorail.org. E-mail: krishnan.rm@cmrl.in
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IN THE COURT OF CCH-18 XIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE
P & SC No. 725 of 2022
BETWEEN: 1. K B SANDHYA RANI, Aged 57 years, W/o Late K S Badari Nath, R/o Madhugiri Road, 5-120-7, Madakasira, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515301. Presently R/a C/o Suhas K B, No.405,SOFTWARE ICONS 2, 1st Cross, OPP Sowparnika Apts, Vaikutam Layout, Bangalore-560037.
2. K B SHARANYA, Aged about 26 years, D/o Late K S Badari Nath, 5-120-7, Madakasira, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515301. Presently R/a C/o Suhas K B, No. 405, SOFTWARE ICONS 2, 1st Cross, OPP Sowparnika Apts, Vaikutam Layout, Bangalore-560037.
3. SUHAS K B, Aged 33 years, S/o Late K S Badari Nath, 5-120-7, Madakasira, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515301. Presently R/a No. 405, SOFTWARE ICONS 2,1st Cross, OPP Sowparnika Apts, Vaikutam Layout, Bangalore-560037. ...PETITIONERS
AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the Petitioners above named have filed the Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act to Grant a Succession Certificate in favour of Petitioner No.1 in respect of the estate/shares left behind by the deceased Late K S Badari Nath; who died intestate on 03.10.2020 which are described in the Schedule. Petitioner No.1 is the wife of Late K S Badari Nath. Petitioner No.2 is the daughter and Petitioner No.3 is the son of Late K S Badari Nath. Interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 29.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M., to show cause against the petitioners, failing which case will be heard and decided exparte.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Name of Shares	Face Value	Folio No	NO OF SHARES	Market Value	TOTAL VALUE
UNION BANK	10	6008900	100	39.7	3,970/-
LARSEN & TURBO LTD	2	7586736	450	1891	8,50,950/-
TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS	1	TFK0047650	570	795	4,53,150/-
RESTILE CERAMICS	10	RCL025171	225	4	900/-
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	10	29621454	136	2618	3,56,048/-
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	10	68881978	200	2618	5,23,600/-
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	10	18911663	32	2618	83,776/-
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	10	29620067	64	2618	1,67,552/-
RELIANCE COMMUNICATION VENTURE	5	7922311	50	2	100/-
RELIANCE COMMUNICATION VENTURE	5	7922213	16	2	32/-
RELIANCE COMMUNICATION VENTURE	5	7922221	34	2	68/-
RELIANCE COMMUNICATION VENTURE	5	7922167	8	2	16/-
RELIANCE POWER	10	207922311	12	15	180/-
RELIANCE POWER	10	207922221	8	15	120/-
RELIANCE POWER	10	207922167	2	15	30/-
RELIANCE POWER	10	207922213	4	15	60/-
RELIANCE HOME FINANCE	10	101740480	2	3	6/-
RELIANCE HOME FINANCE	10	101237206	1	3	3/-
TATA CHEMICALS LTD	10	C1K0120033	500	1065	5,32,500/-
RAS PROPACK LAMIPACK LTD	0	97422	75	0	0/-
ESSEL PROPACK LTD	0	K003454	8	0	0/-
ULTRA TECH CEMCO LTD	10	7586736	40	6462	2,58,480/-
ESCORTS kubota Ltd	10	ES106377	260	2021	5,25,460/-
NAGARJUNA FERTILIZERS & CHEM LTD	1	NFK416379	110	8	880/-
NAGARJUNA FERTILIZERS & CHEM LTD	1	NFK308681	330	8	2,640/-
RELIANCE CAPITAL	10	101237206	1	14	14/-
RELIANCE CAPITAL	10	101740480	2	14	28/-
NIRMA LIMITED	0	45160	1	0	0/-
SHUKRA DIAMOND EXPORTS LTD	10	105655	400	5	2,000/-
HINDUSTAN LEVER LIMITED	1	2888879	1630	2596	42,31,480/-
L G BALAKRISHNAN & BROS LTD	10	B0000286	29	671	19,459/-
L G BALAKRISHNAN & BROS LTD	10	B0286	1	671	671/-
HINDLEVED CHEMICALS LTD	0	1100125	100	0	0/-
VLS FINANCE LTD	10	35857	100	143	14,300/-
			TOTAL		Rs. 80,28,473/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21st day of October, 2022.
Sri. Vikas M., Advocate, No. 116/6, 1st Floor, 11th Cross, Next to Union Bank of India, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPEMENT CORPORATION
Tender Notice No.1/APMSIDC/Designs/2022-23, Dated:31.10.2022
Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform (Reverse Tender cum e-Auction) for Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Establishment of New Government Medical College at Parvathipuram of Parvathipuram Manyam District. The contractors/ firms desired to participate in the tenders should invariably get registered at free of cost on e-procurement platform in Website www.apeprocurement.gov.in The submission of both Technical bid with all enclosures and Price bid will be on the electronic procurement platform of Andhra Pradesh ie., https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in The other details can be seen at the website http://msidc.ap.nic.in. APMSIDC may cancel the tenders at any time without assigning any reasons.
DIPR No.1334PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 01/11/2022 Sd/- Managing Director

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File No. 10(01)/2022-Rectt.I
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IN THE COURT OF XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE (CCH-36)
P & SC No. 736 of 2022
BETWEEN: (1) Nandini Anand Basappa, Aged 61 years, D/o Late K S Prasad @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad, W/o Dodamane Anand Basappa, R/a No.35, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Bangalore Pin:560001.
(2) Sharmila Ramji, Aged about 60 years, D/o Late K S Prasad, @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad, R/a No.2B, 9th South Cross Street, Kapaliswar Nagar, Neelankarai, Kancheepuram, Injambakkam, Tamil Nadu. Pin-600115.
(3) Indira Bhandari @ Indira Prasad Bhandari, Aged about 55 years, D/o Late K S Prasad @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad, W/o Nitin Bhandari, R/a No.119,10th Main, 7th Cross, Near Sanky Tank, RMV Extention, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore Pin-560080. ...PETITIONERS
AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the Petitioners above named have filed the Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act to Grant a Succession Certificate in favour of Petitioners in respect of the estate/shares left behind by the deceased Late K S Prasad @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad; who died intestate on 30.05.2021 which are described in the Schedule. Petitioner No.1 to 3 are the daughters of Late K S Prasad @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad. Further Petitioners are seeking in Respect of Schedule Property-Item No.1, Out of 5000 shares, permit the Petitioner No.1 to transfer 1667 shares in her individual name, Petitioner No.2 to transfer 1667 shares in her individual name and Petitioner No.3 to transfer 1666 shares in her individual name. Further Petitioners are seeking in Respect of Schedule Property-Item No.2, Out of 570 shares, permit the Petitioner No.1 to transfer 190 shares in her individual name, Petitioner No.2 to transfer 190 shares in her individual name and Petitioner No.3 to transfer 190 shares in her individual name. Further Petitioners are seeking in Respect of Schedule Property-Item No.3, Out of 500 shares, permit the Petitioner No.1 to transfer 167 shares in her individual name, Petitioner No.2 to transfer 167 shares in her individual name and Petitioner No.3 to transfer 166 shares in her individual name. Further Petitioners are seeking in Respect of Schedule Property-Item No.4, Out of 1161 shares, permit the Petitioner No.1 to transfer 387 shares in her individual name, Petitioner No.2 to transfer 387 shares in her individual name and Petitioner No.3 to transfer 387 shares in her individual name. Interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 21.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M., to show cause against the petitioners, failing which case will be heard and decided exparte.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ITEM No. 1

Name of Company	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Share Certificate number	Distinctive number	Per share value	Total Value
Hindustan Unilever Ltd	HLL2936666	5000	5262404	1149702201 -1149707200	2595/-	1,29,75,000/-

ITEM No. 2

Name of Company	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Share Certificate number	Distinctive number	Per share value	Total Value
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	TFK0047656	570	29084	632025257 -632025826	781	4,45,170/-

ITEM No. 3

Name of Company	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Share Certificate number	Distinctive number	Per share value	Total Value
Tata Chemicals Ltd	C1K0120036	500	1592549	198860757 -198861256	1179	5,89,500/-

ITEM No. 4

Name of Company	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Share Certificate number	Distinctive number	Per share value	Total Value
Timken India Ltd	AK000229	1161	225515	68064835 -68065995	3140	3,645,540/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21st day of October, 2022.
Sri. Vikas M., Advocate, No. 116/6, 1st Floor, 11th Cross, Next to Union Bank of India, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 111/2022-23/KWA/PHC/D2/TVM
Water Supply Scheme to Poovar Panchayath including fluoride affected areas -supplying & laying distribution net work with 300mm DI K9 to 150mm DI K9 and110mm to 90mm PVC pipe (For remaining works) EMD : Rs. 200000/- Tender fee : Rs. 10000/- Last Date for submitting Tender : 01-12-2022 03:00:pm Phone : 0471-2322303
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-982-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle,Thiruvananthapuram

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that our client intends to purchase immovable properties bearing Survey No.85/2, measuring 5 Acres 01 Guntas, Survey No.85/3 measuring 3 Acres 23 Guntas and portion of Survey No.85/5 measuring 1 Acres 16 Guntas from Mrs.R.Girijamma wife of late A.Rajashekaraiah and her children Mr.J.R.Basavaraj, Mr.J.R.Devaraj and Mr.J.R.Lingaraj; and Survey No.85/4 measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas from Mr.H.Vishwanth son of late Honnappa; and Survey No.85/5 measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas from Mr.H.Shivananda Sangamesh son of Shivananda H; and portion of Survey No.85/5 measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas and Survey No.85/6 measuring 20 Guntas from Mr.H.Shivananda son of late Honnappa; and Survey No.85/7 measuring 20 Guntas from Mrs.H.Honamma @ Honnadevi wife of late Honnappa, all situated at Bandenallasandra village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Properties".
Any person having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Properties or having any objection to the sale must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our client purchasing the Schedule Properties.
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
The following properties all situated at Bandenallasandra village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District

Sl No	Survey Nos.	Extent Acres	Extent Guntas	Boundaries East	West	North	South
1.	85/2	5	01	Survey No.85/3	Survey No.85/1	Survey No.86	Nanjapura Village Boundary
2.	85/3	3	23	Survey No.85/4	Survey No.85/2	Survey No.86	Nanjapura Village Boundary
3.	85/4	1	20	Survey No.85/5	Survey No.85/6	Survey No.99	Survey No.85/7
4.	85/5	2	20	Survey Nos.99, 85/4, 85/6,85/7 and 84	Survey No.85/3	Survey No.86	Portion of Survey No.85/5
5.	85/5	1	16	Survey Nos.81 and 82	Nanjapura Village Boundary	Survey No.85/5	Private Land
6.	85/6	0	20	Survey No.85/4	Survey No.85/5	Survey No.85/5 and thereafter Survey No.99	Survey No.85/7
7.	85/7	0	20	Survey No.85/5	Survey No.85/5	Survey No.85/4 and 85/6	Survey No.85/5

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.11.2022
Mr. Abhijit Atur Advocate
M/s Agraa Legal
Advocates and Consultants
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Ph: 080-41680004, E-mail ID: admin@agraalegal.com

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted in Kannada, "To Kannadigas across the globe on #KarnatakaRajyotsava. I pray for the well-being of the people of Karnataka". His greetings come at a time when the Karnataka wing of AAP has been planning to contest 224 seats in the polls which are just six months away

Bommai stresses on jobs for locals, hails Kannadigas for welcoming everyone | Kannada is both our mother tongue and national language, he says | Kannada Language Bill will be introduced in the winter session, says chief minister

2.5L GOVT POSTS WILL BE FILLED IN 2 YRS, PROMISES CM

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai promised to fill 2.5 lakh vacant government posts in the next two years, of which one lakh posts will be filled this year. With this, jobs will be provided for Kannadigas, thus strengthening the economy, he said.

Speaking after hoisting the Kannada flag on the occasion of the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava, organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy and Comprehensive Education, Bommai said that filling one lakh posts will also pave the way for a revolution in academics and industries.

The government is expecting investments worth Rs 5 lakh crore at the Global Investors' Meet (GIM) that starts on Wednesday, and this is expected to create over 5 lakh jobs in the next three to four years. With large-scale investment flowing into Karnataka, the state will become even more prosperous, he said.

Stressing on jobs for locals, he said Kannadigas have a great culture of welcoming everyone with an open mind and accepting them. "While doing this, we have to ensure the protection of Kannada," he said. The government is working with a vision for the all-round development of Karnataka, and has given priority for the welfare of the working class and farming community. "Creating Nava Karnataka (New Karnataka) is our goal," he said. Kannada should not be limited to a language, but should become our life. Kannada pride and self-esteem should be held high, he added.

According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all languages of the country are mother tongues and national languages, Bommai said.

"In that sense, Kannada is both our mother tongue and national language," he added. The proposed Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill will be introduced during the upcoming legislative session at Belagavi. "If this is passed, language will be legally empowered. The state government is open to all suggestions," he said.

Around 8,000 new classrooms are being constructed in government schools in one year, he said. "If this continues for the next three years, there will be no shortage of classrooms," he said.

(From top) Students perform during various cultural programmes to celebrate the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Amid heavy rain, superstar Rajinikanth, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai accompanied by Shivarajkumar and Ashwini Puneeth at Vidhana Soudha during the Karnataka Ratna award ceremony, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Rajini, Jr NTR recollect times with Appu

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SUPERSTAR Rajinikanth, Tollywood actor Junior NTR and Infosys Foundation founder Sudha Murthy were among the guests who attended the event. Rajinikanth, who shares a long association with the Rajkumar family, said he first saw Puneeth in 1979 when he was just four years old and accompanied his father Dr Rajkumar to Sabarimala.

"Dr Rajkumar would carry Puneeth on his shoulders and walk for 48 kilometres. Again when his (Puneeth's) debut film as lead actor was released, I was asked to review it and after I predicted that this would run for 100 days, Rajkumar told me that I should take part in a function and present a shield to Puneeth. That day was his day. Today also is his day, though he is not among us. When the incident happened, I was in hospital and was informed three days later. I could not believe the news as Puneeth was so young and fit," said Rajinikanth. The superstar said that the massive crowd which gathered to witness Tuesday's event was a proof of Puneeth's affable personality and his humane and humble nature.

A girl waits with other Puneeth fans to enter the venue at Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Jr NTR, who shared a personal bond with the late actor, said Puneeth is a superstar, a great star, a father, a friend, a wonderful husband, and a person with a rich heart. "I have come here as a proud friend," he said.

The Telugu star spoke in Kannada and extended his greetings to Kannadigas in the state and the world over on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava Day.

The fans went crazy when singer Vijay Prakash sang songs from Appu's (as Puneeth is fondly called) films. Deafening roars from the crowds echoed across the Vidhana Soudha premises (the location where the event was held)) as thousands of fans who had gathered cheered to 'Nene Rajakumara', 'Ninnindale Ninnindale' and other famous Kannada songs from Puneeth's films. As some fans climbed the fence to enter the venue, the police had to rush in to cane a few.

GOVT JOB, FLAT FOR ACID ATTACK VICTIM

Bengaluru: CM Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday promised a government job and a flat to a woman acid attack victim in Bengaluru, who sought his help. He told reporters that the woman had met him and requested a government job on compassionate grounds, and he had directed the chief secretary to give her a job immediately. As the victim also sought a house, CM said he will speak to Minister V Somanna to allot one of the 40,000 flats being constructed in Bengaluru. Pension for acid attack victims has been hiked to Rs 10,000/month.

BELAGAVI SEES 10,000-FT KANNADA FLAG

Belagavi : A procession in Belagavi city carried a 10,000-feet-long Kannada flag to mark the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava on Tuesday, a day before the main occasion in Belagavi. Hundreds of people had gathered at Rani Chennamma Circle on Monday night and celebrated Rajyotsava in advance. On Tuesday morning, a Kannada organisation called 'Kannada Manasugalu' exhibited the longest Kannada flag in Belagavi. The procession of started from Rani Channamma Circle, crossed Dr BR Ambedkar Marg, Krishnadevaraya Circle and culminated at the district stadium near KLEs Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital. Hundreds of boys and girls joined the procession holding the flag.

Today, there is an ocean of admiration for Puneeth Rajkumar from across the state. Puneeth is among us. He is in the hearts of all of us and let him (Puneeth) be born again, at least, for the love and admiration for the Kannada land he had.

— Basavaraj Bommai, CM

'China-plus-one strategy will help state'

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@Bengaluru

THE China-plus-one strategy adopted by many firms post-Covid19 will bring investments to Karnataka in a big way as the manufacturing ecosystem in the state is robust and it is also a leader in the Information Technology sector, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said.

China-plus-one is the business strategy of many firms to diversify their businesses to other countries and avoid investing only in China.

Speaking to media persons after reviewing preparations for the three-day Global Investors Meet (GIM) starting from Wednesday, Bommai said the strategy will benefit India, Vietnam, South Korea and Taiwan, as many companies are looking for alternative investments destination and not just investing in China. "Bengaluru is a destination for global investors. Many investors are keen to invest in Karnataka as the manufacturing ecosystem is very good and the state is also the leader in IT/BT sectors, startups and many sectors," the CM said.

Bommai said GIM will attract the attention of the entire world and 'Invest Karnataka' will put a strong foundation for the development of the state in the next five years.

"We are expecting over Rs 5 lakh crore investment and already the State High level Committee has given clearance for investment of over Rs 2.8 lakh crore. This is our commitment to our investors and we are going to distribute the certificate of investment. We will sign an agreement with new investors and give all the clearances in the next few days," he said.

The CM said many industries are keen to invest outside Bengaluru and the details will be provided during the GIM. New industries are coming up in Ramanagara, Hubballi-Dharwad, Ballari, Kalaburagi and Mysuru, he said and added that the dream of 'Beyond Bengaluru' is becoming a reality.

The FMCG Cluster coming up in Dharwad will provide employment to over one lakh people, textile parks will come up in Kalaburagi, Vijayapura and Raichur districts, a Pharma Park in Yadgir, Electronic Park in Mysuru and Defense production unit is coming up in Tumakuru, he said.

Preparations on in full swing ahead of GIM 2022 in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

GST boost before GIM

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has collected around Rs 11,000 crore through GST, placing it above Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by a margin of a thousand crore.

Speaking to TNIE, Commercial Tax Commissioner C Shikha thanked the Commercial Tax Department officers, staff and tax payers.

Speaking to TNIE, Minister Murugesh Nirani said, "For the last four quarters, the state has been receiving the highest FDI compared to other states. On an average, we have been receiving 38 per cent of foreign investment followed by Maharashtra with 22 per cent. Automatically, if investments are realised, GST collections will go up." He has already expressed confidence of the state receiving Rs 5 lakh crore investment.

However, Prof Govind Rao, former member of the National Finance Commission, cautioned that infrastructure and governance need to keep pace and improve for investments.

Former PM HD Deve Gowda and former CM Kumaraswamy during yatra's inaguration

Rain derails JDS mega rally for Pancharathna

V VELAYUDHAM @Mulbagal

HEAVY rain deferred the the mega public rally and village stay that JDS had planned for their Pancharathna Rath Yatra to next week, which was inaugurated by the party patriarch HD Deve Gowda, former Chief Minister Kumaraswamy, and his wife Anitha Kumaraswamy after they offered puja at Mulbagal Kudalamalae Sree Maha Ganapathi Temple.

Kumaraswamy said that the programme will commence from the same place after a public meeting where more than two lakh people will participate. He said that in the next two to three days, he will inform the revised schedule.

During the yatra, he will interact with people during his village stay, and also make them aware about the party's programmes if voted to power in 2023. Kumaraswamy arrived to Mulbagal in the morning, and after inspecting the arrangement, he said that he was happy. Later, former Prime Minister Deve Gowda, Anitha, state JDS president CM Ibrahim arrived.

Meanwhile, thousands of party workers who gathered in Mulbagal to participate in the programme, left after it was announced that the prorgramme has been postponed. Kumaraswamy, however, was accorded a rousing welcome by the aspiring Mulbagal JDS candidate Samruhi Manjunath and district leaders.

D'gere Smart City awarded for best safety

ENS @Davangere

EFFECTIVE implementation of safety and security system and maintenance of records has resulted in Davanagere Smart City Limited to bagging the "Award of Excellence in Urban Transport", a release from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs read.

The release state that Davangere is the only city in Karnataka to win the award in this category. Officer on special duty (UT) and ex-officio joint secretary Jaideep in the release said that the award will be given by Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and the Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban affairs Kaushal Kishore at the UMI conference which is scheduled to be held at Bolgatty Island, Kochi on November 6.

MD of DSCL Ravindra B Mallapura said, "Installation of 248 HD CCTVs across the city, signal lighting at 23 junctions and implementation of Intelligent Transit Management System, and technical upgradation helped win the award."

AFTER CONGRESS BARB, MINISTER SAYS `26CR SPENT FOR MYSURU DASARA

Mysuru: For Mysuru Dasara, which was celebrated with pomp and splendor, Rs 26 crore was spent, said district in-charge Minister ST Somashekhar. Revealing details of the expenditure after Congress leaders questioned delay over releasing funds and accusing the saffron party of concealing the expenses, he said that a total of Rs 26.54 crore has been spent of Rs 31.08 crore, released by various boards, agencies and authorities for Dasara celebrations. By spending Rs 6.36 crore for Yuva Dasara and Yuva Sambrama, the Yuva Dasara sub-committee has spent the most among the 21 sub-committees formed for the Dasara followed by Rs 3.77 crore for transportation, accommodation and other expenses of the VIPs, and guests. The cultural sub-committees spent Rs 1.61 crore, procession sub-committee Rs 2.22 crore, torch and light sub-committee Rs 1.17 crore, forest department Rs 1.46 core, and the rest was spent by other committees. "The Dasara expenditure details were released late this year due to delay by sub-committees to submit bills," Somashekhar said. **ENS**

Somashekara Reddy convicted in arms case, released

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BALLARI City BJP MLA from G Somashekara Reddy has been convicted under the Arms Act for possessing a revolver unlawfully after the expiry of the licence. However, the court released him on 'probation of good conduct' with certain conditions.

The case dates back to 2013, when the then DC of Ballari district had filed a complaint against Reddy, accusing him of possessing a .32 NP revolver from January 1, 2010, to November 9, 2011, even after the validity of its licence ended on December 31, 2009, and not depositing the same. A criminal case under the provisions of the Arms Act was registered against the MLA and the police had submitted a chargesheet.

During the trial, Reddy had defended that he could not renew the license due to work pressure and he was unaware of the last date of the licence's validity, which was lost during the renovation of his house. The court observed that the defence was weak and nothing stopped the accused from lodging a complaint, as the licence was lost, and he cannot be so careless when dealing with a weapon.

The Special Court for the trial of cases filed against sitting and former MPs/MLAs pronounced Somashekara Reddy guilty of the offence, which has a minimum punishment of one year and may be extended to three years.

However, the defence counsel had invoked the Probation of Offenders Act (PO Act), seeking the release of the accused. "Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the character of the accused, his age, his permanent abode and his antecedents, it is just and necessary to release him under Section 4 of the PO Act, instead of imposing sentence on him, as the same will not have a bad impact on society," the court observed, while releasing the accused.

EXPRESS READ

PSI scam: 6 separate chargesheets filed

Kalaburagi: CID, which is investigating the PSI CET scam in Kalaburagi district, has submitted six separate chargesheets before the court in connection with cases registered in three police stations of Kalaburagi on Monday, sources told TNIE on Tuesday. Sources said that the 788-page chargesheet in connection with the case registered at Ashok Nagar Police station, from where three other chargesheets were submitted before the 3rd JMFC court of Kalaburagi on Monday.

Cuddalore district Pocso court sentenced a 42-year-old man to 20 years in jail for raping an intellectually-disabled minor girl and making her pregnant. The court sentenced ordered the State government to pay `6 lakh as compensation to the girl and also imposed a penalty of `8,000 on the man

KCR's oppn to Modi is only for show, says Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi beats a drum during Bharat Jodo Yatra, at Shamshabad in Telangana on Tuesday

ALLEGING that Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao has a direct line that he uses to speak to PM Narendra Modi, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday stated that the former's opposition to the latter is only for public consumption.

"TRS does drama before elections, but the CM has a direct line with Narendra Modi. KCR rings from here (Hyderabad), Modi answers and gives orders on what KCR has to do today and tomorrow," Rahul alleged.

He was addressing a corner meeting as part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Necklace Road in the presence of newly-elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior State leaders. Accusing TRS and BJP of supporting each other, Rahul said that on top of supporting all the Bills introduced by the BJP government, the TRS tries to divert the attention of the people by bringing in different issues when the Opposition is fighting against the government in Parliament. Underlining the rate of unemployment in Telangana as well as the country due to the "bad economic policies" of the government, he said that neither the CM nor the PM talk about employment though they have come to power by promising lakhs of and crores of jobs.

"TRS and BJP are one and the same and work the same; people should not fall in their trap," Rahul cautioned. Expressing concerns over the issues faced by farmers, he said that they do not get profits even after toiling for 24 hours as TRS and BJP-led governments are not extending any help even in getting remunerative prices for their produce.

Rahul said, "I thought Delhi is the most polluted city, but I got to know it's Hyderabad as TRS government is keeping the standards of infrastructure very low. And, the number of potholes are more than the roads."

Tourist drives car on hanging bridge, earns residents' wrath

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

DAYS after a hanging bridge collapsed in Gujarat's Morbi killing more than 130 people, a tourist drove his car, a Maruti 800, on a narrow hanging bridge built across the backwaters of Kodasalli reservoir on Sunday at Shivapura village in Yellapur of Uttara Kannada district.

Shocked residents stopped the car after which the driver started arguing with them saying that he should be allowed to use the bridge. After heated arguments, the car driver decided to back down and reversed his car.

The matter came to light when the video and photos of a car on the hanging bridge went viral. The hanging bridge is the only connectivity for the residents of Shivapura and sur-

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rounding hamlets to reach Joida taluk. If not for the bridge, the residents have to travel 100-odd km to reach the same destination. Several youth from these villages work in Joida, Dandeli and Goa and often use the bridge to cross by their two-wheeler or by foot. The residents had earlier even opposed the movement of autorickshaws on the bridge.

The car on the hanging bridge

"We demand action against the errant car driver who kept arguing with the residents that he could pass through the bridge. There is signage stating that four-wheelers are not allowed. It is a hanging bridge and cannot take all the weight at one point. The car and the driver easily sum up to 700 kg. For several years, the bridge was broken and we had to travel long hours to reach Joida," rued a resident.

A section of villagers have passed on the vehicle registration number to the local authorities and demanded action against the driver.

Built in 2015

"The bridge was constructed in 2015 and since then it has been used by the residents of Joida and Yellapur taluks in the district. Tourists who come to see the famous Sathodi waterfalls also visit this hanging bridge. The road that connects Shivapura from Joida end, is in bad condition. Commuting on it during the monsoon season is a difficult task. We have asked the authorities concerned to look into the matter seriously and solve the problems," added a resident.

2 DIE AS RAIN LASHES CHENNAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

TWO people died in rain-related incidents in Chennai as record rains lashed the capital and neighbouring districts, with several weather stations recording rainfall in excess of 10 cm in the 24 hours ending 8.30 am on Tuesday. The current monsoon spell will be active till November 5 but is likely to weaken from Wednesday.

Reviewing the monsoon preparations, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday asked Collectors to form multi-department monitoring committees to monitor flood-prone areas and told officials to shift people from low-lying areas to relief camps. He said 43 major reservoirs in the State are 75-100% full and 17 are 50-75% full. Relief and rescue teams should be sent to rain-affected areas at the earliest, he added.

On Monday night, a man identified as Devendran was electrocuted allegedly after coming in contact with a live wire. He was walking through knee-deep stagnant rainwater to his home in Vyasarpadi when he touched a pole of a tent near his house, police said.

On Tuesday, a 47-year-old woman, identified as Shanthi, was killed after a portion of a wall from her house's balcony fell on her, police said. .

People struggle through a flooded underpass in Chennai on Tuesday

OVER 10 CM RAIN

The IMD said Red Hills in Tiruvallur recorded 13 cm of rainfall, highest in TN in 24 hours ending 8.30am on Tuesday. Perambur in Chennai recorded 12 cm and four other stations in the city recorded 10 cm of rainfall

S Balachandran, deputy director general of meteorology at the Regional Meteorological Centre said the 8 cm of rain recorded at Nungambakkam station is the third highest for November 1 in the last 72 years.

For Wednesday, a heavy rainfall warning has been issued to Cuddalore, Mayiladuthurai, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Sivaganga, Ramnad, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Dindigul, Theni and Tenkasi.

3 CAPITALS ISSUE

CJI Lalit recuses from hearing AP's petition

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

Chief Justice of India UU Lalit on Tuesday recused himself from considering Andhra Pradesh government's plea against the high court ruling that declared Amaravati as the State's capital. When the matter was taken up for hearing, Senior Advocate C Aryama Sundaram told the bench, comprising CJI Lalit and Justice Bela M Trivedi, that the CJI had given an opinion to Rajasthani Rythu Parirakshana Samithi before the law was passed.

Considering Sundaram's submission, the CJI said, "Let all these matters be listed before the bench of which I am not a member at an early date." YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's government had aimed to establish Amaravati as the legislative capital, Visakhapatnam as the executive capital and Kurnool as the judicial capital. This was challenged by landowners of Amaravati who had given up their livelihood by surrendering their agricultural land for the development of the capital city and the capital region.

However, while ruling in favour of the landowners, a bench of AP High Court, comprising Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Justice M Satyanarayana Murthy and DVSS Somayajulu, directed the State and AP Capital Region Development Authority to build and develop the Amaravati capital city and capital region within six months as agreed under the AP Capital Region Development Authority Act and Land Pooling Rules.

The court had also directed the State to hand over the developed and reconstituted plots belonging to landowners in Amaravati capital region within three months. It had said that the State Assembly had no "legislative competence" for passing any resolution or law for change of capital or bifurcating or trifurcating the capital city.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

Art dealer Subash Kapoor convicted of idol theft

THANJAVUR: Indian-American art dealer Subash Kapoor (71) was sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment on Tuesday by a court in Kumbakonam in a case of idol theft and illegal export, involving 19 idols valued at ₹94 crores. The idols were sent to his Art of the Past Gallery in New York, according to Idol Wing police in Tamil Nadu. The 19 antique idols were stolen from the Varadaraja Perumal temple in Ariyalur district in 2008. **ENS**

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Download of call letters for Online examination – Preliminary	December 2022
Online Examination – Preliminary	**24.12.2022/ 31.12.2022**
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	January 2023
Download of Call letter for Online exam – Main	January 2023
Online Examination – Main	**29.01.2023**
Declaration of Result of Online Main Examination	February 2023
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EDITORIAL

The use of plant oil as fuel may seem insignificant today. But such products can in time become just as important as kerosene of today

Rudolf Diesel

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

ROBUST CORE SECTOR GROWTH CAN REVERSE CURRENT GLOOM

There is reason for optimism. Data released by the Union government's industry department showed the core sector, consisting of eight economic sectors, recorded a robust growth of 7.9% compared to 5.4% in the same month a year ago. This reversed two months of sequential decline - in July, core sector growth fell to 4.4% from 9.9% and in August to 3.3% from 12.6%, compared to the previous year. The big output performers were: coal (12%), electricity (11%) and cement (12.1%). The increase in demand for energy – coal and electricity – has boosted the expectation of positive industrial growth of 6-7% in September after a contraction of 0.8% in August.

Meanwhile, a private survey – the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) – rose to 55.3 in October from a three-month low of 55.1 points in September. This indicates an expansion in factory orders and resilient demand in the face of global headwinds. The PMI survey showed buoyant optimism by manufacturers, expecting an uptick in consumer buying, and continued to invest in input commodities. Expanding capacity and higher export orders too added to the optimistic picture.

However, these trends are at best green shoots amidst an otherwise challenging scenario. Some analysts point out that the uptick in energy and cement consumption must be seen as part of the increased government spending and cannot be interpreted as a broad-spectrum lift-off. High growth in fertilisers (11.8%), another core sector head, is also a seasonal demand for the upcoming rabi season sowing. A broader look showed cumulative growth of the core sector in the first half of the current financial year (April to September) showed a 9.6% growth, much lower than the 16.9% recorded last year.

Add to this the lower-than-expected performance of key infrastructure companies like Tata Steel. The company's net profit plummeted 87% for the second quarter to ₹1,514 crore from the previous year's ₹11,918 crore. Revenue, too, was marginally down at ₹59,877 crore. The company said there had been an economic slowdown in key sectors. Globally, tech companies are also facing a winter of despair. Alphabet, Amazon, and Meta have all declared results that are way below expectations and targets. Nasdaq-100, which lists the best tech companies, has lost around 27% over the last year. However, if the government can stay the course and drive spending in the core sectors, we might see a reversal of the gloom in a couple of quarters.

KOHLI'S PRIVACY BREACH DEPLORABLE AND SCARY

There is a very thin line dividing a fan from a fanatic. The moment it gets blurred, and an act of a fan transforms into extreme fanaticism, it could turn morbid and fearful. It becomes an act of extreme passion devoid of reasoning. When it breaches the sacred space of personal privacy, it becomes vile. Former India captain Virat Kohli's hotel room was filmed in his absence by hotel staff and posted on social media. There have been occasions when paparazzi hounded celebrities, including high-profile sportspersons, but this is a new low. A short video titled King Kohli's hotel room focussed on his personal belongings -- health supplements, his caps, open suitcase, watch, even his shoes. He condemned it through an Instagram post on Monday when India left for their fourth World Cup Super 12 match against Bangladesh in Adelaide.

It will not be an exaggeration to say that Kohli, who has had a very special World Cup so far, is the most popular cricketer on the planet. Kohli and his celebrity wife, Anushka Sharma, have a massive following. But time and again, the couple has to remind the world of what is acceptable and what is a breach of privacy. Fans get excited, but this time, like Kohli said, "This video here is appalling, and it's made me feel very paranoid about my privacy."

Invading one's room in a hotel with a camera is downright deplorable. The bedroom is a person's most private space. When hotel staff are the accused, like Crown Resorts in Perth admitted in a statement, it becomes all the scarier. The hotel apologised and sacked the 'individuals' but is it enough? The damage has been done. Only recently, Kohli had opened up about his struggles with mental health. Just imagine the scar this incident would leave behind on his psyche.

At another level, it is also a serious security breach, especially during such a high-profile tournament as the World Cup. It's one thing if the paparazzi take a photograph without Kohli's knowledge in a public place, but it is another if some unknown person strolls into a hotel room and takes a video of his belongings. In the end, it's like what Kohli says, "If I cannot have privacy in my own hotel room, then where can I really expect any personal space at all?"

QUICK TAKE

VALUE OF VIGILANCE

One way to check bureaucratic corruption is to identify sensitive posts in departments and rotate the officers. The Central Vigilance Commission wants nationalised banks, central government organisations and departments to review all sensitive posts and identify officers holding such positions for a long time. The Commission has a point. Many officers are known to use pull to avoid rotational transfers. It is possible that over time some develop vested interests, intentionally or otherwise, and become susceptible to exerting undue influence in official decisions. They can fall prey to unhealthy, even honey-trap, relationships and get blackmailed by spies or espionage networks.

The Indian liberal was hung on the limited symbolism of Sunak's origin than what he spoke and stood for

SUNAK PARADOX GRIPS THE INDIAN LIBERAL

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Why have Indian liberals in the last few weeks appeared so very confused? Have new challenges put them in a deeper quandary? The liberal here is a limited reference to a person who communicates primarily in English, is associated with the anglophone western world and subscribes to a mélange of free market ideas. A sort of privileged elite.

What we mean as a liberal in English does not translate into the same in Indian languages. There is a generous difference. People who are thought of as 'liberals' in regional contexts wear more specific labels. They either borrow from the Left or a more specific amalgam of ideas and personalities. A 'liberal' in Indian languages translates more into a 'progressive'. He or she could also be a socialist or a Lohiaite or carry a deep shade of the secular and the rational. They could be an Ambedkarite or a Buddhist or a Periyarist. In other words, they are more tightly defined than a person called 'liberal' in English. For instance, in Kannada, my mother tongue, a person who considers himself 'liberal' is not addressed as a udaaravaadi (liberal) but a pragatipara (a progressive); that's the generic term.

The ever-altering political climate also keeps adding and deleting dimensions and connotations to abstract terms. Politics also simplifies labels and creates easy binaries. One such recent simplification is that those who associate and walk with the Congress are liberals (in English) or progressives (in regional contexts). This is a singular contribution of Rahul Gandhi because of the strident language of ideological opposition he has consistently used against the Indian Right. Otherwise, Congress was in the realm of centrist opportunism for a long time.

Returning to the confusion story of the Indian liberal (we are now clear who we are talking about), they were put to some serious testing during the elevation of Rishi Sunak as United Kingdom's prime minister and Mallikarjun Kharge as Congress' national president. Their twists and contradictions were out under the bright Indian sun.

They seemed to be charmed by Sunak for his merit, posh English accent and other smooth ways. They spoke of his Winchester, Oxford, Stanford and Goldman Sachs pedigree and said it ticked the right boxes of leadership. His kinship connection with Infosys' first family gave them bonus happiness.

But the Indian liberal did not seem keen to discuss his regressive and exclusionary social policies that had a racist and xenophobic interpretation. He had voted for Britain to leave the European Union and held a top job in the very controversial Boris Johnson's cabinet. His wife's tax matters amid the UK's economic crisis, and their new swimming pool in the midst of the UK's drought, had offered fodder to British beasts. He had been variously called 'dishy' and 'fishy'. One British commentator wrote in the Guardian: "For people like us, Sunak's ascension is tinged with bitterness – for many, his hardline views aren't exactly representative of who we imagined would be the first British leader with immigrant parents… And while this moment is undeniably historic, it is arguably less progressive than many would have hoped for."

Contrast this with a popular Indian liberal commentator on Twitter: "Sunak becoming UK PM shows the true democratic diversity of a society. Well-done, lovers of football and fried fish and chips. As did Barack Obama becoming president in the US." First of all, to confuse the elevation of Sunak with that of Obama in the United States was wrong. Obama lit up the entire world with hope when he became president because he represented the most extraordinary traditions of liberal and progressive ideas. The disempowered and marginalised saw his rise as their own. That was not the case with Sunak, who complied with the checklist of every Right and extreme Right British mind, except, of course, his skin colour.

The Indian liberal type was not worried about the symbolism of what Sunak spoke and stood for but was hung on the limited symbolism that his ethnic origins and colour advertised. British commentators pointed out that the policies Sunak pursued "probably would have denied his parents from ever coming to Britain." Paradoxically, the English liberal in India has opposed a similar exclusionary worldview under Narendra Modi. At least tactically, they have tried to focus on things other than the Hindu-Muslim binary and spoken about inflation, unemployment and low investments.

Here again, there is a contradiction. They embrace Manmohan Singh's free-market economics but not that of Narendra Modi, apparently because he does not pursue it with the intelligence of an Oxbridge Singh. That's perhaps fair criticism, but here too it is the burden of perceptions and prejudice that speak more loudly than actual policies. When Singh was prime minister, Sonia Gandhi's welfare economics balanced his market game. In the case of Modi, he is a Janus of both welfare and market to his constituents.

The Indian liberal does not accommodate Sunak's East African and Pakistani inheritance in their mind, but like their illiberal counterparts, use his 'devout Hindu' identity to blur other parts of his origin story. While the Indian Right identifies Sunak being Hindu as Hindu, the liberal couches it as Indian. Perhaps the greater symbolism here is about how Great Britain that colonised India brought in a prime minister of Indian origin. However, Sunak does not represent Britain in the realms of their nostalgia, where the 'great' was pompously intact but, in reality, fell off a long time ago. Ian Jack, the editor of Granta, who passed away earlier this week, had commented in 1997 (in an issue of the magazine that dealt with 'Britain's valedictory realism') about the circus to reinstate the 'great': "British politics were about the management of decline."

One wonders if the Indian liberal does all this with a degree of deliberateness, frustration or lack of clarity. Still, they continuously build faux comparisons in the dandy republics of their mind to overcome their utter inability to handle Indian social and cultural complexity and also appreciate the greater symbolism of change there may be here. This was evident when they backed Shashi Tharoor over Mallikarjun Kharge for the Congress presidency. They suddenly made Tharoor an agent of change, while in the previous decade, he was consumed by cases and controversies. Kharge, the Dalit, symbolised Indian diversity and its marginalised, but the Indian liberal searched for it in faraway Britain. That's their sad Sunakian paradox.

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REVIEW SCIENCE AWARDS ECOSYSTEM

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The decision to scrap more than 300 awards given to scientists across disciplines has shocked India's research community. The science awards of India, some of them of high value in terms of their financial worth and prestige, are much sought after by individual scientists as they help them in upward mobility. The new number of awards has not been spelled out yet, but speculations are rife on introducing a fewer number modelled after the Nobel Prizes. The way the awards were banned by the Union government, after being brusquely decided by the Home Ministry, needs to be critiqued. Such decisions should have been taken after an elaborate discussion among the stakeholders.

More importantly, the question to be raised is whether award selection in the past has been fair and equitable. In a country like India where respecting authority and hierarchy remains strong, the selection has often been made on criteria other than the candidate's competitiveness; the entire process suffers from 'in-group' bias, generated by affiliations shaped by religion, caste, and regionalism. This generates real or perceived advantage through connections that can negatively impact the academic research culture. As the awards are based on nominations, those who wield more power within the scientific establishments can make key decisions on who gets what. Thus, the whole process smacks of elitism and nepotism, most often ignoring the researchers in less endowed universities and institutes. Consider the most prestigious, annually awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes: the so-called 'upper caste' male candidates from some select institutes in the country are often selected for such prizes.

Considering the lack of transparency and fairness, it's a good idea to conduct a competent review of the award ecosystem, but the existing political ambience does not generate much confidence. Although India is a democracy, the tradition of respecting authority and hierarchy remains a strong element, thereby spawning conformity and nepotism. Thus, it is likely that the previously existing system will be replaced by the new actors, incentivised by the current web of loyalties and affiliations, at the cost of independent decision-making. The rot is spreading not only in the case of awards and academy fellowships but also in the appointments to faculty, vice-chancellor and director posts—based often on the whims of the political parties that are in power in states or in the Union government.

However, the solution is not to ban awards, but to find ways to make them more equitable, by making decisions based on objective criteria that are transparent. Decision-making bodies should not consist of people who have conflict of interests.

And, why not encourage self-nominations? With some rare exceptions in theoretical sciences, scientific research has become a collaborative venture, so rather than encouraging individuals (for example, the principal investigators), it is also important to honour the work of the entire team that consists also of early career researchers. Recognition should also reflect diversity of roles—as communicators, schoolteachers, technicians, scientists, etc.

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We must make sure that the ways in which we reward scientific excellence must be governed by today's needs. One of the misconceptions that is quite popular is that of a "lone genius"—this goes against the modern conception of science that is now transforming into a collaborative venture, involving teams of individuals with varied expertise. The science of the 21st century is all about teamwork. However, Nobel Prize committees are yet to take this point into consideration for their award selections. By selecting a single individual or a few at the top of the pecking order, these prizes end up marginalising other contributors. As the Royal Society of Chemistry in a recent review of their recognition programmes stated: "Teamwork, leadership, professionalism and diversity are fundamental elements of excellence in 21st century science, yet the majority of scientific awards overlook or underplay these vital qualities." It also says that the prizes are meant to showcase "the impact of research, innovation, engagement and teaching" but it should also reflect "the diversity of our community".

It is also a fact that for a potentially deserving scientist unsupported by influential mentors, these prizes will inevitably prove onerous. The requirement of nominations and references will keep the pool of nominees restricted. Unless a conscientious effort is made to change this and other similar norms, the nominator and institutional bias will get to decide who wins what. Such reforms are even more important in India considering its social, regional and ideological diversity and the systemic biases that persist along these lines. We must also check how bodies that give awards can constitute a more socially and intellectually representative jury of selectors.

Instituting fewer awards with the existing procedures is not going to solve the problem. The reward system for science in India needs to incorporate the principles of accountability, transparency and accessibility. While we criticise the government for its lack of transparency and undemocratic practices in the decision-making process, scientists also need to ask themselves if we are free of all those unsavoury attributes of social and cultural biases and predilections. It is high time that India's science academies investigated the issue of nepotism and elitism in their own reward systems and if rewards are being distributed in a fair manner. Transparency and accountability must be built into the system. Good science can be fostered only in an unfettered intellectual environment. But you have got to clean your own house first before you tell others that they aren't doing it right.

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Catch the big fish

It is painful to know that a 10-year-old-boy, who went to enjoy the "Jhula Pool" in Morbi had to return to Rajkot with the bodies of his parents and brother, all victims of the bridge collapse. The police has arrested nine people, including two contractors and two ticket booking clerks. It is not known if the big fish of the Oreva Group will be in custody.
Capt N Viswanathan, Coimbatore

Gujarat bridge toll

Apropos of *Nine held as Guj bridge toll tops 140* (Nov 1). My heart aches after reading this. It is very difficult to accept this tragic event, especially when one thinks of the plight of the families who lost their loved ones. I appreciate the government's efforts to prevent such future events.
Aamose A, email

Short-pitched bowling

South African bowling should make Indian batsmen ponder over how to tackle short-pitched, chest-high deliveries. The first five wickets of Indians fell in no time. Indian players and coaches should mind-boggle over this. The caution is, Australian bowlers too have the same bowling style.
Madhu PV, Secunderabad

Dignity of rape survivors

I support the SC's decision to abolish the two-finger test for rape survivors. Due to illogical procedures and weaknesses in our systems, the investigation process and court hearings have resulted in severe mental agony for the rape survivors. I sincerely hope that the government takes the necessary steps to end such irrational practices.
Charis Xavier, email

Mass leader

Rahul Gandhi's bold step to walk from Kanyakumari to Kashmir as part of his Bharat Jodo yatra is making him a leader of the masses through his approachable attitude and addressing press conferences boldly on various issues. His objective of the yatra is to spread love, not hate. Once he completes this yatra his opponents will think twice to criticising him. In fact he will be called as an Ideal leader in this modern democracy.
T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Food labels

The demand for warning labels on all ultra-processed foods (UPFs) consumed by our children, to check burgeoning obesity and non-communicable diseases, is irrefutably essential. The authorities should enforce all stringent measures in this issue without a diluted approach.
Thomas Kumbalamchuvattil, Muvattupuzha

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SCO meet: India stays out of China move on BRI

In an apparent hint at Beijing's CPEC, Jaishankar says connectivity projects should respect territorial integrity

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AT the 21st meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member-states held virtually on Tuesday, India decided to stay out of the joint communiqué reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for which other countries affirmed their support.

The countries backing BRI were Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. They also spoke about jointly implementing the project, which included efforts to link the construction of the Eurasian Economic Union and BRI.

The meeting was chaired by the Premier of China's State Council Li Kegiang.

In an apparent reference to China's controversial BRI project, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said: "Connectivity projects should respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of member-states and respect international law. Fair market access is the only way to move forward. The said Chabahar port and the International North South Transport Corridor could become enablers for better connectivity in the SCO region."

S Jaishnakar addressing the SCO meet | TWITTER

The International North South Transport Corridor is a 7,200-km multi-modal transport corridor that combines road, rail and maritime routes connecting Russia and India via Central Asia and Iran. It links the Indian Ocean to the Caspian Sea via the Persian Gulf onwards into Russia and Northern Europe.

Jaishankar also spoke about Mission LiFE launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat recently which envisions replacing the prevalent "use and dispose" economy by a circular economy.

India also highlighted that in 2023 the UN International Year of Millets, India intends to foster greater cooperation with SCO member-states on countering the food crisis.

"Our total trade with SCO members is only $141 billion, which has the potential to increase manifold. Fair market access is to our mutual benefit and will only move forward," Jaishankar added.

The regular meeting of the Council Heads of Government of the SCO member-states will be held in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2023. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also attended the meeting virtually.

India has repeatedly registered its protests over China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship project of China's BRI, saying it is in violation of its sovereignty as it passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), an Indian territory illegally occupied by Pakistan.

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> S JAISHANKAR, Minister of External Affairs

The SCO is seen as an eastern counter-balance to NATO and India's membership has allowed the country to push effective action in combating terrorism and security issues. The presence of India and China, the world's most populous countries, makes SCO the organisation with the largest population coverage.

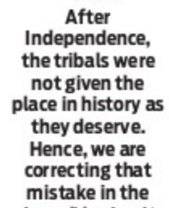
India for the first time hosted the heads of government (HoG) meeting of SCO in 2020, three years after joining the eight-nation group. The SCO's significance for India mainly lies in economics and geopolitics with member states. SCO is also a potential platform to advance India's Central Asia policy.

According to some estimates, Chinese investments in the countries which are a part of the BRI fell 54% in just a year from 2019 to 2020. Investments in giant infrastructure initiatives based in Africa have also declined substantially. However, China has also begun to engage in conversations about debt forgiveness.

PM praises Gehlot but slams Cong in tribal tribute rally

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi launched a tirade against the Congress at a massive rally in the historic tribal centre of Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan's Banswara district on Tuesday. Interestingly, the PM praised Rjasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, calling him one of the most senior leaders in the country.



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> NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

Recalling contribution of the tribals in the freedom struggle of India, Modi said that the sacrifice of the tribal society in the freedom of the country can neither be forgotten nor can it be underestimated. But after Independence, the PM said, the tribals were not given the place in history as they deserve. "Hence, we are correcting that mistake in the Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav or the festival of independence," he said.

Modi said that he was was fortunate to come to Mangarh Dham once again and pay tribute to the martyred tribals.

In Mangarh, tribal saint Govind Guru had started a major movement against the British and on 17 November 1913, hundreds of tribals under his leadership had reached the hills of Mangarh. But the British opened fire on them an d more than 1500 tribals were killed in this incident whereby Mangarh has become a centre of faith for the tribals.

Modi was accompanied by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot. For the first time, Modi and Gehlot appeared together on a public platform.

Addressing the rally, Gehlot claimed that in the past 70 years, a lot of development work has been done in the country and it includes welfare of the tribals. He claimed that PM Modi gets a lot of respect in the world mainly because of Mahatma Gandhi. "Today, even after 70 years of independence, democracy prevails in Gandhi's India. This is the reason why Narendra Modi gets respect whenever he goes abroad as the Prime Minister of India."

Later, he told mediapersons that he had appealed to the PM to make Mangarh Dham a national monument but the PM didn't do it.

Lt Gen Ajai K. Singh assumes charge of Southern Command

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LIEUTENANT General Ajai Kumar Singh assumed the command of the Indian Army's Southern Command as its 50th Army Commander on Tuesday. He took charge from Lt Gen J S Nain. On taking charge, the General Officer laid a wreath at the War Memorial, Pune in a solemn ceremony to remember the fallen heroes. The occasion was followed by a traditional Guard of Honour at the Headquarter Southern Command.

Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh is an alumnus of St Gabriel's Academy, Roorkee and National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla. The General officer has a comprehensive and well-rounded operational experience through varied command and staff appointments tenanted during his distinguished military career. He was commissioned in December 1984 into the Eleventh Gorkha Rifles. He commanded a battalion initially as part of Strike Corps and subsequently in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) on the Line of Control.

The General Officer commanded a Brigade in Rann Sector, a Counter Insurgency Force in J&K and the strategically important Trishakti Corps in the Eastern Sector. He is academically inclined and an ardent reader with interest in spirituality, mythology, military history and nature. He is a graduate of Defence Service Staff College, Wellington on a competitive vacancy and attended the National Defence College (NDC) course.

The General Officer has been an Instructor at Commando School, Belgaum and has also tenanted a foreign assignment with Military Wing at the Indian Embassy, Nepal. He has held many prestigious staff appointments including the Director, Military Operations Branch, Deputy Director General, Discipline & Vigilance, Additional Director General of Military Operations and Director General of Operations & Logistics branch at the IHQ of MoD (Army). He has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal, Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, twoChief of Army Staff Commendation Cards and a General Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation card.

Lt General Ajai Kumar Singh is a keen mountaineer and has scaled Mount Rathong (22005 ft) on the Kanchenjunga Massif. He is also a keen sportsman, cyclist and yoga enthusiast.

Officer with rich operational experience

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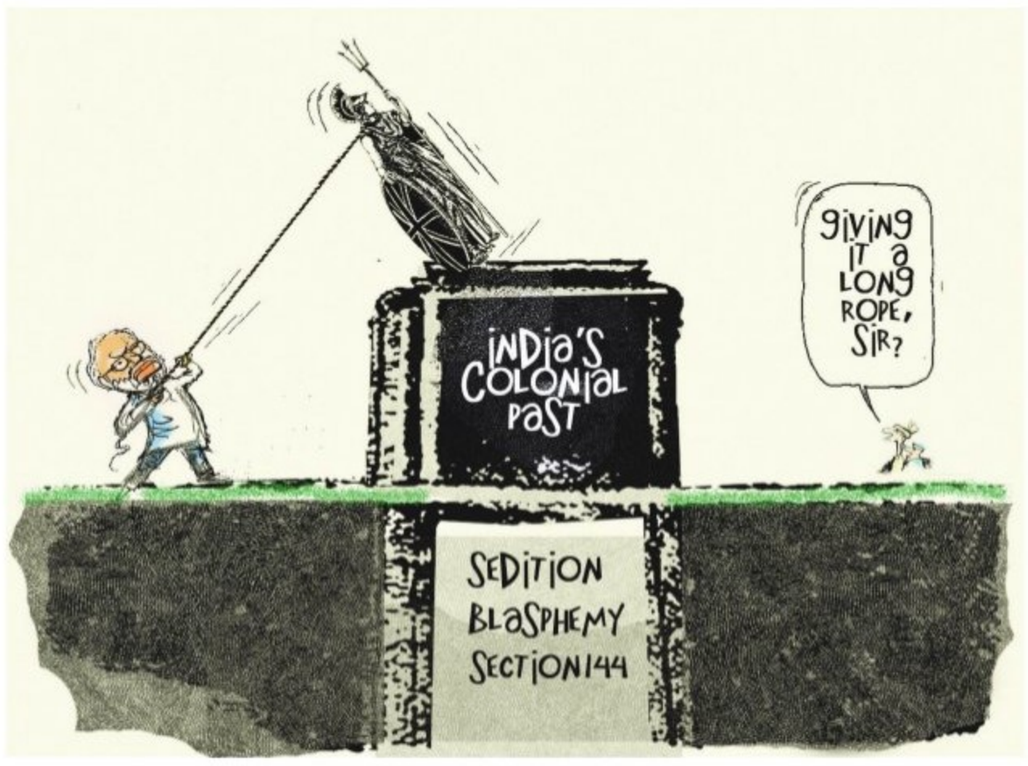

Dhaka seeks Delhi intervention to help Rohingyas' return to Myanmar

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH'S Minister for Information and Broadcasting **Hasan Mahmud**, while interacting with mediapersons in New Delho on Tuesday, said that despite being the most densely-populated country of the world, Bangladesh is hosting 1.1 million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

Bangladesh has the highest density of population globally, with 1246 people living per square kilometer (compared to 431 in India).

"On humanitarian grounds, we accepted Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. Despite our high density of population, we have accommodated them. However, we are now hoping that India would intervene and help them go back home," Mahmud said.

He also talked about India's strong ties with Bangladesh and said that regional peace is important for the growth of both the nations.

"We would like the reduce the gap in the balance of trade. We are hoping that our jute exports to India, amongst other products, are increased," Mahmud added.

"Our leader Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, have contributed in further strengthening of ties between the two nations," Mahmud added.

Mahmud refused to make any comments on India's Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) saying its India's internal matter and is sub-judice. Similarly, on the Teesta water sharing dispute, the minister refrained from making any comments.

"Our relation with India is very diverse, it does not depend on this issue. In due course this too shall be resolved as there has been significant progress," he added.

NEED FOR SAFE NUTRITIONAL LABELLING

5.8 million people die from non-communicable diseases every year out of total deaths of about nine million, contributing to about **60%** of annual deaths.

29% High consumption of ultra-processed foods **(UPF)** increased death risk by

Include Front-of-Pack Warning Labels on such food products

Introduce warning labels 'in 'symbols' or as 'high in' or 'excess of'	Many countries have introduced Front of Pack Nutritional Labelling	Studies suggest consumers spend as little as ten seconds to select food items

Marketing unhealthy foods and drinks targeting children should be immediately stopped through legislation

FOPL is a simple, inexpensive, practical and effective tool to inform consumers about public health implications of the food they buy

NCDs can be curtailed by reducing the consumption of unhealthy food products and drinks

Freebies: SC orders earliest listing of pleas before 3-judge bench

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

A bench headed by CJI UU Lalit on Tuesday directed for listing the pleas seeking ban on irrational freebies before a three judge bench at the "earliest."

The court said that the matter would be listed as early as possible considering the nature of the controversy and submissions made by the parties in the earlier hearings.

BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay submitted that the three judges are required to re-look at the view taken by the court in Subramanian Balaji's judgement. Calling Upadhyay's plea as politically motivated, Senior Advocate P Wilson for DMK party urged the bench to dismiss the same.

Considering the contentions put forth by the counsels, CJI UU Lalit said, "Let it be listed. Let there be a comprehensive kind of treatment to the matter rather than a truncated aspect... let the matter be considered by a bench of 3 judges."

On August 26, a bench of the then CJI NV Ramana, Justices Hima Kohli and CT Ravikumar had asked the three judge bench to consider whether its 2013 judgment which held that promises of freebies is not an electoral offense or corrupt practice needs to be overruled or not. The 2013 judgement had held that State distributing freebies in the form of colour TVs, laptops, mixer-grinders etc. to eligible and deserving persons was directly related to directive principles of the State Policy.

The SC had also opined that there were some issues which required extensive hearing before passing any concrete orders. The issues which were flagged by the bench related to scope of judicial intervention with respect to ban of freebies and whether appointment of expert commission to put forth suggestions on the issue would serve any purpose. "Freebies may create a situation wherein the State Government cannot provide basic amenities due to lack of funds and the State is pushed towards imminent bankruptcy. In the same breath, we should remember that such freebies are extended utilising tax payers money only for increasing the popularity of the party and electoral prospects," the bench said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Maha crisis hearing on November 29

The SC on Tuesday posted the batch of pleas filed by rival groups of Shiv Sena in relation to Maharashtra Political Crisis for November 29, 2022. A five judge bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud asked the lawyers to complete the compilation in the case and formulate salient issues to be taken up within four weeks.

Plea on voting rights of NRI, migrants cast out

Recording the Centre's assurance that issue related to voting rights of NRI's & migrant labourers has been gaining attention of functionaries & solution will be found, the SC on Tuesday disposed of a 9-year-old plea seeking to facilitate voting rights for NRI and migrant workers. The A-G said that every step shall be undertaken to see that persons living outside India and migrant labourers do vote.

'No EVM display of candidate qualification'

The SC on Tuesday junked a plea seeking to use Name, Age, Qualification and photograph of contesting candidates on ballot and EVM instead of symbols of political parties. The bench however urged the Election Commission to consider the representation made by BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay.

No CAA rollout, yet MHA moves to grant citizenship

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

NEARLY three years after the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 was passed by the Parliament, the Ministry of Home Affairs is yet to notify the rules governing the Act. The legislation cannot be implemented without the rules being framed. However, the Centre's recent move to grant Indian citizenship to six minority communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, living in two districts of Gujarat, has brought back the limelight on the issue.

It should be noted that the order which was issued on Monday to grant citizenship was done under the citizenship act 1955 as the new CAA rules are not being framed. In similar manner, the government has issued notification to grant citizenship to non Muslim migrants from the three countries in several districts of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana in 2016, 2018 and 2021 too.

Though in January 2020, the MHA notified that the Citizenship Act would be operational from January 10, 2020, it later sought an extension from the parliamentary committees on grounds of the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, the ministry has been granted seven extensions so far. In the recent extension, permission has been granted from the Rajya Sabha till December 31, 2022, and the Lok Sabha has granted the time till January 9, 2023.

The controversial law, which was passed in December 2019 seeks to grant Indian citizenship to non-Muslim 'persecuted minorities' from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians — who came to India till December 31, 2014.

EXHUMED

A month after a 22-year-old was buried in UP following his death by hanging, his body was exhumed and sent for a post-mortem over suspicion of foul play. The kin had performed the last rites without informing the police.

1 HELD FOR STABBING FRIEND AFTER AN ARGUMENT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	21	Mumbai	35	23
Bhopal	33	17	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	34	18	Patna	32	19
Amritsar	33	16	Lucknow	33	19
Chennai	27	25	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	33	23	Imphal	29	14
Srinagar	19	05	Chandigarh	33	16

Scramble to keep count of the dead

Deep divers engaged as some bodies could be lying on river floor, NDRF commandant says

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

AS the local authorities in Gujarat's Morbi struggled to keep a headcount of the dead as well the number of the injured in the bridge collapse on Sunday, district civil officials said they had a list of 132 people, including 47 children under the age of 16 years who are dead.

Since Monday night, rescuers from all wings of the government — two teams each from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and its state counterpart, six platoons of the Army, a team with 18 boats from the Navy, personnel of the IAF and fire service —were at work at the accident site in the Machchhu river.

NDRF Commandant, VVN Prasanna Kumar said some bodies could be lying on the river floor. "Therefore, we resumed our operation with the help of deep divers," he said.

The Collector's office said the officials have set up a round-the-clock control room that would respond to the family members of the missing persons. So far 224 people have been rescued during the rescue operation. Out of these, 15 persons are under treatment in Morbi hospitals and two others in Rajkot hospital. As many as 73 people have been discharged from various hospitals, said the Collector's office.

A team of a five-member committee formed by the state government to investigate the incident reached the spot on Tuesday to conduct a thorough inspection of the site. A team of the Forensic Science Laboratory also accompanied the investigating team. The team photographed the broken cable and took notes on the technical aspects of the bridge. FSL and special rescuers have launched their investigation of the bridge tower.

Forensics officers reportedly used gas cutters to collect samples of the structure. They found that the rush of people overloaded and weakened the structural integrity of the recently renovated cable bridge.

Meanwhile, nine persons, including officials of Oreva, the company that renovated the bridge, ticket sellers, and security men have been arrested under sections 304 and 308 (culpable homicide), and 114 abetments). The FIR does not name anyone who signed the agreement or who was looking after the renovation and maintenance of the suspension bridge.

The clock and e-bike maker Oreva group was given a contract by the Morbi Municipality to repair and operate the ill-fated hanging bridge for 15 years and charge tickets in the range of ₹10 to ₹15 for its use, as per documents of the municipality.

The Morbi Bar Association has decided that no lawyer will fight the case of the accused in the case. The nine accused were produced in the court with the administration trying to hire a lawyer from outside the district.

State Disaster Management Minister Rajendra Trivedi announced an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh each to the families of the deceased and ₹2 lakh each from PM's fund, besides ₹50,000 for each of the injured.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to consider on November 14 a plea seeking a court-monitored probe into the incident.

The plea, which also seeks review of old bridges and monuments in India by directing states to take the responsibility for the risk assessment exercise, was mentioned by Advocate Vishal Tiwari before a bench of CJI UU Lalit and Justice Bela M Trivedi.

Flip-flop over death toll

Rescue operations continued in the Machchhu river on Tuesday morning, for the third day, following the collapse of the suspension bridge in Morbi

On Sunday, after the incident occurred at around **8.10 pm, Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi** told the media that **seven people** had died in the bridge collapse. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Sanghvi reached Morbi at around **9:30 pm.**

At around **11 pm,** BJP minister Brijesh Mishra said **60 people died.**

After visiting the site at Morbi, **Sanghvi briefed** the media at around **1.40am** on Monday and put the figure at **68.**

A few hours later, at around **5-6 am** on Monday, Rajkot Range IG Ashok Yadav told the media that the death toll was **141.** At around **7.30 am,** Sanghavi cited the figure as **132.**

On Monday evening, at about **7.30 pm**, Yadav gave details about the arrests carried out and said **134 people** had lost their lives in the incident.

On Tuesday, authorities confirmed that **135 people died** in the incident. The confirmation came after a series of flip-flops over the death toll during the last three days.

Several officials in the meanwhile put the toll at **132.**

On Tuesday, the government declared the official toll as **135.**

When asked by this newspaper about the constant changes, Yadav said, "There was some confusion between hospital authorities and the police department due to which death figures varied. Right now, only two or three people are missing and rescue operation is still going on."

PM Narendra Modi meets family members of victims of the suspension bridge collapse, in Morbi on Tuesday | PTI

TECHIE COUPLE WAS MARRIED 5 MONTHS AGO

Harsh Jhalavdia and his wife Meera, who died in the bridge collapse, had got married just five months ago. The two were working as software engineers in Bengaluru and were visiting their hometown Rajkot to celebrate Diwali. They came to Morbi to meet their aunt, and after dinner, went for a walk to the bridge. Meera died on the spot while Harsh was shifted to a Rajkot hospital for treatment, where he succumbed. Harsh's cousin and his wife were also killed.

9-YR-OLD'S CRYING MADE FAMILY LEAVE BRIDGE

The family of Bhanubhai Mehta, a resident of Dularbhanagar in Rajula town, were in Morbi to visit their relatives. The group included nine-year-old Netra, who got scared by the shaking of the bridge, and began crying. The family immediately took a selfie on the bridge and left. They had barely returned home when they got the news of the collapse. "If the child had not cried, we too would have died. The selfie taken on the bridge will remain with us forever," Mehta said.

AAP's hawala sheet of ₹8 cr unravelled, claim Gujarat cops

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat police investigation has revealed that the Aam Aadmi Party sent money from Punjab to Delhi and from Delhi to Ahmedabad. Surat Rural Superintendent of Police told this newspaper that the investigation so far has found evidence of hawala money being sent by AAP to Gujarat through Kapil Garg from Punjab at the behest of Aditya Jain and Ashok Garg from Delhi.

The Gujarat police claimed that they had recovered a hawala sheet mentioning ₹8 crore from an angdiya firm owned by Ashok Garg.

Surat Rural Superintendent of Police Hitesh Joysar said: "Kapil Garg of Punjab used angdiya (courier) channel to route money in Gujarat. He sent money through Rohit Puglia, owner of KM Angadia of Delhi, and Suresh Hansaji Kumbar of Ganpati Angadia of Delhi. This Delhi angdiya sent money to Mahendra Soma Angadia and Chhagan Bhai Jayanti Bhai Angadia in Gujarat. This angdiya firm sent money to various places such as Dahod, Valsad, Vadodara, and Bardoli."

He said that during the investigation the police found that this money was sent by AAP through hawala for election expenses in Gujarat. "Further investigation is still on," said a police officer.

Another investigating officer said "At the behest of Kapil Garg of Panjab, Rohit sent ₹35 lakh through his man Kalusing to different angadiya firms in Gujarat. On October 6, he sent ₹5 lakh each to Abhishek Rai of Dahod, Saurabh in Bardoli, Manmohan in Vadodara and Kamal of Valsad."

The officer said that another ₹15 lakh was sent to Saurabh Parasar alias Saurabh Pandey on October 7. His bag was looted on October 12. "In coming days we will summon this person," he said.

The police also confirmed that during interrogation, Saurabh accepted that he was looking after AAP's expenses in nine constituencies.

The Surat Rural SP also confirmed that they received an application on October 17 in which Bardoli candidate Rajendra Solanki claimed that the looted money did not belong to him and that it belonged to AAP.

He also said that Santosh was not his driver, but an Aam Aadmi Party activist who was looking after the expenses of an event.

The police said the ED was also investigating the case as the money trail is spread across the country.

Various investigating officials confirm that so far they have investigated Harsh Saini, and Harprit of Punjab and another person, Rudra Pratap, a Bihar resident, Amar from Madhya Pradesh, Rajkumar from Haryana, and Sehjad from Delhi in the case.

'Money sent for poll expenses'

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In a first, Deoghar 'peda' heads to Bahrain

The hope for famous Deoghar's famous 'peda' finding a global market, for the first time, has been raised as a consignment was dispatched to the Middle East a few days ago. The consignment was sent to Al-jazira Group BSC of Bahrain through DM Enterprise, a Calcutta-based firm that is registered with the Agriculture and Processed Food Products. Earlier in 2020, the district administration had registered to get the GI (geographical indication) tag for Deoghar 'peda' and had also made the local sellers understand its importance and the prospect of better branding and marketing of their products.

J'khand declares relief to drought-hit farmers

The Jharkhand government on Tuesday announced interim relief to drought-stricken farmers in the state. The government will provide an advance relief of Rs 3500 to over 30 lakh farmer families as it declared about two-thirds area of the state drought-hit. The relief to the farmers will cost the state exchequer around Rs 1,200 crore, the chief minister's office stated in a statement. The state government has also sought Centre's support in the matter. Earlier, the state's agriculture department had prepared a report based on its findings on the required parameters for assessing drought conditions in all the affected areas.

Headmasters, teachers to be 'changemakers'

The Jharkhand government has tied up with Azim Premji Foundation to mentor headmasters and senior teachers as 'changemakers' in model schools, a pet project of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The model schools concept aims to provide quality education at par with the CBSE pattern reputed private school chains and to tie up with prestigious academic centres to train the secondary school principals and teachers as 'changemakers'. Under this program, training will be provided in phases through a series of workshops for around 405 model schools with an objective to create an effective and better education ecosystem.

UTTARAKHAND

PMLA case: Ex-CM's aide faces probe in ₹200 cr scam

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Economic Offences Wing (EOW) will investigate the allegations of money laundering to the tune of around Rs 200 crore by Dehradun-based Social Mutual Benefit Company Limited.

It is alleged that between 2017 and 2020, more than Rs 200 crore was deposited as fixed deposits in the company. When these accounts, opened under different names, were examined, it was found that many of these people were dead.

Social Mutual Benefit Company Limited is linked to relatives of KS Panwar, who was the industrial advisor to former chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Now, in compliance with the government's directives, the police headquarters has handed over the investigation to the EOW after orders to the effect were issued by Additional Director General of Police Crime and Law and Order, Dr V Murugesan.

According to Additional Secretary, Home, Ridhim Agarwal, a detailed special investigation into the case was recommended after a preliminary inquiry was conducted by the police headquarters. "It is expected that the EOW will investigate the matter at the earliest," he told this newspaper.

KS Panwar, former advisor to Rawat, said, "I have no involvement in this company. It is a family member's company. Anyway, it has been investigated twice before. The police have already conducted a probe into the case. Now it seems that someone wants to target us by forcibly raising this episode again."

Panwar's wife was a director in the company from 2017 to 2020. It is alleged that during this period, black money was laundered by fraudulently depositing money in RD-FDs in the name of several people.

In battle for Shimla, BJP hits rebels' roadblock in Kangra

HARPREET BAJWA @ Dharamsala

KANGRA is the largest district in Himachal Pradesh with 15 seats in the 68-member Assembly. As discontent brews within the ruling BJP, it won't be easy for it to win in these seats.

The feeling in the saffron camp is that nominations have been given to 'outsiders' in at least five of the 15 seats. Those who did not get the ticket are contesting as Independents.

Kangra is the nerve centre of the state politics, so the route to forming the government here passes through the district.

The district gave Himachal its first non-Congress CM in 1977 when BJP formed the government under Shanta Kumar. It has since remained a BJP fortress, with Kumar becoming the CM twice. Kangra has 30% OBC population that can alter the outcome in eight seats. The BJP's problems in the district started after Kumar decided to retire from electoral politics as the party did not groom a second line of leadership.

The party is facing rebellion in Dharamsala, Kangra, Dehra, Indora and Fatehpur seats. The BJP has allotted the ticket to AAP turncoat Rakesh Chaudhary from Dharamsala and denied re-nomination to sitting MLA Vishal Nehria. The result is that the party's block unit rebelled in Dharamsala, with BJP block president Anil Chaudhary and the party's district ST Morcha chief Vipin Nehria filing their nomination as Independents. While Chaudhary withdrew his papers on Saturday after party placated him, Nehria remains in the fray.

Pawan Kajal was the acting state president of Congress. After he switched sides, BJP has given him the ticket from Kangra as he wields influence among the OBC community. Thus the Zila Parishad member and BJP leader Kulbhash Chaudhary is fighting as an Independent. But the saffron party is banking on the personal vote bank of Kajal who fought the 2012 elections as an Independent and won. He then joined the Congress and contested the 2017 polls and again won. Many local BJP leaders, including former MLA Sanjay Chaudhary, have opposed Kajal. Former MLA Surinder Kaku is the Congress candidate and is banking on the support of government employees.

The BJP has also tried to strengthen itself by inducting Independent Hoshiar Singh from Dehra Assembly segment but was forced to shift Jawalamukhi MLA Ramesh Dhwala to Dehra as it faced rebellion. Now Singh again quit BJP and filed papers as an Independent. Meanwhile, BJP MLA Ravinder Ravi has been given ticket from Jawalamukhi seat.

BJP candidate from Dharmashala, Rakesh Chaudhary, says the party will win at least 12 seats from Kangra. "There is no rebellion. Everyone, except Vipin Nehria, has been placated. The rebels are not grassroots leaders, so they will have hardly any impact," he adds.

GONE ARE DAYS OF RAJA-RANI: SHAH

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday launched an attack on the "ma-beta" Congress party, questioning how individuals facing charges can give a good government in the hill state.

His words appeared to be a dig at Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in Delhi, as well as Pratibha Singh and her son Vikramaditya Singh in Himachal.

Addressing a public rally in support of Bhattiyat MLA and BJP candidate in the Assembly polls, he urged people to re-elect the saffron party to power, breaking the state's tradition of not repeating a government. "There is democracy in the country and gone are the days of raja-rani. It is the time of common people. We have to elect a government that works for the development of the state," he said. *(ENS)*

DECIDE

C'garh dance fest brings together world's tribals

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

Ten countries, 28 states, six union territories, one stage. Tribal performers from various regions around the world are showcasing their culture and heritage at the three-day National Tribal Dance Festival that got off to a colourful start at the Science College ground in Raipur on Tuesday.

The Chhattisgarh state, carved out of the erstwhile Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 2000, is also organising a R jyotsav and Investiture Ceremony on the occasion of its 22nd Foundation Day.

The dance festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who also released a postal stamp, envelope and a coffee table book on National Tribal Dance Festival-2021 on the occasion.

"The history of dance is as old as mankind. There remains a similarity between the various styles of tribal dances and their musical instruments, which were passed from one generation to another. The key objective behind organising the Tribal Mahotsav is to create unity in safeguarding their rights, traditions and culture," Baghel said while extending his gratitude to the tribal participants who arrived from outside the state.

Tribal troupes from various Indian states and 10 countries showcase their skills on Tuesday, the inaugural day of the three-day National Tribal Dance Festival in Raipur

On the first day of the event, which is being organised with an aim to promote cultural exchange, saw tribal dance troupes from 10 countries presenting their skills.

The next two days will see participations by around 1,400 tribal artistes who will also get to know the art, customs, rituals, traditions, cuisine and other practices about each other. Troupes from Mozambique, Mongolia, Tongo, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand, Egypt and Rwanda are in Raipur for the first time to stage their performances.

Calling the visit captivating, Sophia, the leader of the Russian troupe that has come from St. Petersburg, said, "It's heartwarming to be here to present our culture. The dance we performed was a reflection of a powerful art form existing in Russia for centuries."

Among the performers were members of the Mongolian Grand Theatre of National Arts, who staged the Joroon Joroo and Biyelgee dance encapsulating the Mongolian nomadic way of life.

Similarly, groups from Egypt and Serbia shared with this newspaper that they were delighted by the hospitality offered to them in the state. "We are here to win the hearts of Indians," they said.

At the venue, the experts will also participate in seminars to deliberate upon how tribal development can be effectively secured and promoted further.

This year, two themes have been earmarked for the festival — 'Tribal Dances on Harvesting' and 'Tribal Traditions and Ritual Occasions'.

This is the third such festival organised by the Chhattisgarh government. The state has around 32% tribal population.

Maha white paper seeks to clear air on mega projects moving to Guj

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government has decided to come out with a white paper to clear the air about relocations of big projects from the state to Gujarat.

The move comes after the Opposition parties have alleged that in the last three months of the Shinde-Fadnavis government, three mega projects worth Rs 2.25 lakh crore have been relocated from Maharashtra to Gujarat. Aaditya Thackeray has demanded the resignations of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Industries Minister Uday Samant for failing to retain these projects. He has said that the Maha Vikas Aghadi government worked hard to get the projects for the state, but the new incumbent government failed its people.

Calling the allegations baseless, Samant said, "We have not failed in our duty to retain the big projects. In fact, we tried to bring them back, since the project leaders had made up their mind during the previous Uddhav Thackeray government to relocate them."

Samant added that people are being misguided. "We want to bring out the truth by releasing a white paper. It will throw light over the decisions of the previous regime. During the Uddhav Thackeray government, not a single big firm linked an agreement with the government. If there is no MoU, how can we be blamed for it," he asked.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also blamed the Opposition for building a fake narrative.

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convicted by Sicily court in massive fraud of EU pasture fund

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	14	4	TDS	Los Angeles	19	9	LC
Colombo	29	25	LC	Melbourne	14	7	HR
Dhaka	32	23	TDS	Moscow	2	-4	HR
Dubai	34	24	SNY	New York	21	9	LC
Houston	25	20	SNY	Singapore	29	25	TDS
Istanbul	19	12	LC	Toronto	11	7	LC
London	16	11	LC	Washington	21	9	LC

Huge roadblocks as Brazil's loser yet to concede defeat; SC steps in

In Sao Paulo state, traffic jams around international airport lead to cancellation of flights

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL'S Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the federal highway police to immediately clear hundreds of roads across the country blocked by truck drivers protesting President Jair Bolsonaro's loss in the October 30 election.

A majority of the court's justices backed the decision, which accuses the highway police of 'omission and inertia.' Failure to comply will mean its director can be fined up to more than $19,000 per hour, be removed from his duties and even face arrest. Federal prosecutors in Sao Paulo and Goias states said they had opened investigations into the blockades.

By noon Tuesday, highway police said they had removed 306 blockades, but more than 260 were still in place.

Bolsonaro hasn't spoken publicly since official electoral results were released Sunday night, but is expected to break his silence soon.

Military Police shock troops try to disperse supporters of Prez Jair Bolsonaro during a blockade on the BR-116 highway in Novo Hamburgo, Brazil on Tuesday | AFP

Much like former US President Donald Trump, whom Bolsonaro openly admires, the far-right incumbent has repeatedly questioned the reliability of the country's electoral system, claiming electronic voting machines are prone to fraud. He never provided any proof, even when ordered to do so by the electoral court.

In Sao Paulo, traffic jams around the international airport led to dozens of flight cancellations, with videos on social media showing travelers rolling their suitcases along the highway in the dark trying to catch their flights. The highways had been cleared by Tuesday morning, but airport officials said access remained difficult as traffic was still backed up.

At another road block in Sao Paulo state, protesters set tires on fire. Several demonstrators were wrapped in the Brazilian flag, which has been co-opted by the nation's conservative movement for demonstrations. Following the election, the electoral authority blocked two dozen Telegram groups that defended a military coup and called on their more than 150,000 followers to organise demonstrations.

The Supreme Court's decision on Tuesday permits regular state police forces to reinforce federal highway police, and the governors of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo states ordered them to deploy, news outlets reported. *AP*

South Korean officials admit responsibility in Halloween tragedy

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean officials admitted responsibility and apologised on Tuesday for failures in preventing and responding to a Halloween crowd surge that killed more than 150 people and left citizens shocked and angry.

The government is facing growing public scrutiny over whether the crush on Saturday night in Seoul's Itaewon district, could have been prevented and who should take responsibility for the country's worst disaster in years.

National police chief Yoon Hee Keun said an initial investigation found there were many urgent calls from citizens notifying authorities about the potential danger of the crowd gathering in Itaewon. He said police officers who received the calls failed to handle them effectively.

"I feel a heavy responsibility (for the disaster) as the head of one of the related government offices," Yoon said in a televised news conference. "Police will do their best to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again."

Yoon said police have launched an intense internal probe into the officers' handling of the emergency calls and other issues, such as the on-the-spot response to the crowd surge in Itaewon that night.

Separately, South Korea's interior minister, emergency office chief, Seoul mayor and the head of a ward office that includes the Itaewon neighbourhood all offered public apologies.

A soldier pays tribute to victims | AP

During a Cabinet council meeting on Tuesday, President Yoon Suk Yeol acknowledged that nation lacks research on crowd management. He called for use of drones and other high-tech resources to develop an effective crowd control capability, and said government will soon meet with experts to review national safety rules. *AP*

A man votes during elections in Tel Aviv

Voting begins in Israel amid political crisis

JERUSALEM

FOR the fifth time since 2019, Israelis were voting in national elections on Tuesday, hoping to break the political deadlock that has paralysed the country for the past 3.5 years.

Again, the vote centres around former premier Benjamin Netanyahu's fitness to lead while he faces corruption charges. And while polls predict another stalemate, Netanyahu is looking to the surging power of far-right lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir to propel him back to power.

Election officials said that by 2 p.m. local time, turnout stood at 38.9%, the highest at that time since 1999. But there was no breakdown of the vote that might show who was benefitting.

Netanyahu's main rival is the man who helped oust him last year, the centrist caretaker PM Yair Lapid, who has warned against the nationalist and religious alliance that would emerge should Netanyahu return to power. "Vote for the state of Israel, and for the future of our children," Lapid said after casting his ballot.

Ben-Gvir, who has been convicted of incitement for his anti-Arab rhetoric and has promised to deport Arab lawmakers, has seen his clout rise in the polls ahead of the vote and has demanded a key portfolio should Netanyahu be tapped to form a government.

With former allies refusing to sit under him while he is on trial, Netanyahu has been unable to form a viable majority government in the 120-seat Knesset, or parliament. "I'm a little worried," Netanyahu said after the voting. "I hope we end the day with a smile." Netanyahu's opponents, are equally hamstrung in cobbling together the 61 seats needed to rule.

In Israel's fragmented politics, no single party has ever won a parliamentary majority. Netanyahu's most likely path to the premiership requires an alliance with extreme nationalists and religious ultra-Orthodox parties. *AP*

Power, water restored in Kyiv after Russian strikes

KYIV

WATER and power supplies were fully restored in Kyiv on Tuesday a day after Russian missile strikes, as grain exports from Ukraine continued despite Moscow pulling out of a deal to let ships through.

Russian authorities meanwhile announced that tens of thousands more civilians would be 'evacuated' from the Russian-occupied southern Ukranian region of Kherson amid a counter-offensive from Kyiv.

The Russian-installed leader of the Kherson region, Vladimir Saldo, said on Tuesday new resettlements were being carried out because of the risk of a 'massive missile attack' by Ukrainian forces on a local dam.

But Ukraine said that Russian "occupiers are carrying out forced displacement of the civilian population".

"Citizens living in premises along the banks of the Dnipro river are being forcibly evicted from their homes," the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces said on Facebook on Tuesday.

Following the strikes, aerial views showed Kyiv plunged in darkness overnight, with the only lights coming from cars driving through.

Monday's shelling had left 80% of the capital's consumers without water and 350,000 homes without electricity.

On Tuesday, Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko said water and electricity supplies had been 'fully restored' in the capital.

Klitschko warned that there would still be planned power cuts in the city "because of the considerable deficit in the power system after the barbaric attacks of the aggressor."

Also on Tuesday, three more grain-loaded cargo ships left Ukrainian ports despite Russia's decision to suspend its participation in a deal to allow grain exports to cross the Black Sea. *AFP*

What Russia's suspension of grain deal could mean

Russia has suspended its part of a UN-brokered deal allowing Ukraine to export grain safely from its Black Sea ports during a monthslong war, saying it was not going to allow ships to travel. Here is what Russia's decision could mean for a world increasingly worried about food security and high food prices

WHAT HAS THE DEAL ACHIEVED?

The grain initiative has been a rare example of cooperation between Ukraine & Russia since Russia's invasion. Brokered by the UN and Turkey, it has allowed more than 9 million tons of grain in **397** ships to safely leave Ukrainian ports

The grain agreement has brought down global food prices about **15%** from their peak in March, according to the UN, and the UN secretary-general had urged Russia and Ukraine to renew the deal when it expires November 19

Cargo ships loaded with grain left Ukrainian ports on Monday | AP

UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths said **23%** of the total cargo exported from Ukraine under the grain deal has gone to lower- or lower-middle-income countries

Ukraine has said more than 5 million tons have been exported to African and Asian nations, with **190,000** tons of wheat sent to countries that are getting relief from the UN World Food Program

Before the grain deal was brokered, the US and Europe accused Russia of starving vulnerable parts of world. Since the deal, Putin has alleged that most of the exported grain was going to Europe instead of the world's hungriest nations

SHIPS THAT RECENTLY LEFT UKRAINE

A ship carrying 30,000 tons of wheat for Ethiopia under that programme sailed on Monday, Ukraine said, one of a dozen ships with more than **354,000** tons of agricultural products

Russia's UN ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said at an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council called Monday by Moscow that "the Black Sea remains an area of hostilities" and "we cannot allow unimpeded passage of vessels without our inspection"

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Russia offered to supply up to 500,000 tons of grain "to the poorest countries free of charge in the next four months." The Russian Defense Ministry stressed that Russia is not withdrawing but suspending the grain agreement

Developing nations will have to find new grain suppliers and pay more from nations like the US and Australia, where weather is posing problems, said Glauber, a former chief economist at the US Dept of Agriculture

Pakistan's former PM Imran Khan | AP

Pak ex-PM Khan attacks opposition for plotting clash

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S ousted PM Imran Khan on Tuesday turned his guns at the political opponents, accusing them of conspiring for a clash between his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party and the powerful army.

Khan, who has announced that his objective was to gain Haqeeqi Azadi (real freedom) through the march which in his words was possible if free and fair polls are held immediately, also said that he was not against the establishment of the country.

Addressing his supporters in Gujranwala on the start of the fifth day of his protest march, Khan kept up his trademark vitriolic attack against his political opponents—former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and former president Asif Ali Zardari.

"They are conspiring for a clash between the PTI, which is the biggest political party of the country, and the military," Khan alleged. "Nawaz Sharif, I challenge you, when you come back, I will beat you in your own constituency," he said.

Khan also targeted former president and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Zardari, saying he should 'get ready' for his arrival in Sindh—the traditional bastion of the Bhutto-Zardari family. "Zardari listen carefully, I am coming to Sindh," he added.

Sharif has mocked Khan for his long march turnout, saying the party could not even gather 2,000 people while claiming that it would amass one million protesters.

"The reason for the indifference of the people is the evil lies," Sharif tweeted on Monday night. *PTI*

PAYING TRIBUTE
A slow shutter photo shows mourners standing in line to write in a book of remembrance for victims of the deadly Halloween crowd surge in Seoul | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Tokyo begins same-sex partnership recognition

Tokyo: Japan's capital, Tokyo, began issuing certificates recognising same-sex couples on Tuesday, becoming the largest municipality to do so in a country in which same-sex marriage is not allowed. The certificates are not legally binding but allow same-sex partners to apply for public housing like married couples, give them access to medical data and allow them to be beneficiaries in life insurance

Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif arrives in China

Beijing: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrived in Beijing on Tuesday on a two-day official visit to China during which he will meet the top Chinese leadership, including President Xi Jinping, for talks aimed at boosting business and strategic all-weather ties. The two sides will review the all-weather strategic cooperation partnership and exchange views on regional and global developments

Country experiences wettest weather in Oct

The Meteorological Service Singapore on Tuesday said that the country experienced its wettest weather in October in last 40 years, with rainy days expected to continue into November. The Changi climate station recorded 27 days of rain in October. "This is the highest number of rain days occurring in October at the Changi climate station since the 1980s and surpasses the previous record of 21 days observed in 1985 and 2003," the meteorological service said in a statement. The monthly total rainfall for October was 412 mm, which exceeded the last October high of 389.33 mm in 2011. The service further informed that rainy weather is expected to continue in the first fortnight of November

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

Suella Braverman under fire for calling migrants an invasion

LONDON

BRITAIN'S interior minister was facing criticism on Tuesday for describing migrants crossing the English Channel in small boats as an 'invasion.'

Home Secretary Suella Braverman used the term while defending conditions at a processing centre for new arrivals where some 4,000 people have been held in a facility intended for 1,600.

Braverman referred to small-boat crossings on Monday as "the invasion of our southern coast" and said "illegal immigration is out of control."

Her deputy, Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick, distanced himself from her words. "In a job like mine you have to choose your words very carefully," he told *Sky News*. "And I would never demonise people coming to this country in pursuit of a better life." Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who appointed Braverman, said that Britain "would always be a compassionate, welcoming country," his spokesman said.

Manston—a former airfield in southeast England—is supposed to be a temporary processing centre where new arrivals spend 24 hours before moving on to longer-term accommodation, but refugee groups say some people have been stuck there for weeks, and there have been cases of diphtheria and scabies.

Chief Inspector of Prisons Charlie Taylor said that when he visited the site recently, he saw people sleeping on floors and "lots and lots of people in a room, all squished in together."

Critics accuse Braverman of deliberately worsening conditions at Manston by refusing to book hotel rooms for asylum seekers. *AP*

UK Immigration Min up for radical policies

Jenrick vowed 'more radical' policies to counter illegal migration. "We... now need to look at some more radical options to ensure that our laws are appropriate, that economic migrants are returned swiftly and that we deter people from coming to the UK," he told *BBC* radio

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374.76 Sensex 61,121.35
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WHAT'S NEW IN THE COMMON ITR FORM

All **ITR forms** will be merged with the new common form except **ITR 7**

Current **ITR-1 and ITR-4** will continue, giving an option to **taxpayers** to file either in the existing form or the proposed common ITR

The ITR will have schedules designed in a user-friendly manner with increased **scope of pre-filling**

The ITR is customised for the taxpayers with applicable schedules based on certain questions answered by the taxpayers

The **taxpayers** will not be required to see the schedules that do not apply to them. Instructions have been added to assist the filing of the return containing the directions regarding the applicable schedules

FinMin proposes common ITR form for all taxpayers

Taxpayers filing in Forms ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-5, ITR-6 will not have option to file old form

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN a bid to make tax return filing simpler and less time-consuming, finance ministry has proposed a common ITR form by merging all the existing returns of income except ITR 7.

However, the current ITR 1 and ITR 4 will continue, according to the ministry notification. With this, the taxpayers will have an option to either file the return in the existing (ITR1 or ITR4) or the proposed common ITR, at their convenience.

Under the common ITR, all the taxpayers will have to give certain basic information and details of bank accounts. Schedules for computation of total income, computation of tax, and a schedule for the tax payments will be applicable for all.

The tax department says that new proposed ITR has been designed in a much user-friendly way.

"The taxpayers will not be required to see the schedules that do not apply to them. It intends the smart design of schedules in a user-friendly manner with a better arrangement, logical flow, and increased scope of pre-filling. It will also facilitate the proper reconciliation of third-party data available with the department vis-a-vis the data to be reported in the ITR to reduce the compliance burden on the taxpayers," the notification stated.

Under the existing system, there are seven kinds of Income Tax Returns forms – ITR-1 to ITR-7. taxpayers can choose from one of the seven depending on their source of income. "The new common ITR form would be available in parallel to old forms in ITR-1 and ITR-4 and the assessee belonging to ITR-1 and ITR-4 categories could choose to file old forms or the new, depending on convenience. Taxpayers filing return of income in Forms ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-5 and ITR-6 would not have an option to file the old forms, once the new common form and related utility are notified," according to the Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, Partner, Nangia Andersen LLP.

As per Jhunjhunwala, the proposed draft of the new ITR form is designed to facilitate suitable reconciliation of third-party data available with the Income-tax Department vis-à-vis data to be reported in ITR, to reduce compliance burden on taxpayers.

Common ITR form for all

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Oct GST collections at ₹1.5L cr on festive demand

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

GOODS and Services tax (GST) collections continue to show stronger growth as the revenues in October breached ₹1.5 lakh crore, only the second time in the history of GST.

GST collection in October 2022 was ₹1,51,718 crore, the second-highest collection after ₹1,67,540 crore in April this year. In October, collections witnessed a 16.5% year-on-year growth. Month-on-month, GST revenues saw a 7% growth.

"The sharp sequential pickup in the headline GST collections in October 2022 reflects a combination of quarter-end flows relating to the transactions in the previous month, as well as the surge in GST e-way bills ahead of a robust festive season," says Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA Ltd.

She feels that with the festive season in October 2022, the generation of GST e-way bills is expected to have remained high, which should bolster the GST collections in the month of November 2022.

This is the ninth month and for eight months in a row now that the monthly GST revenue has been more than the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark.

The total GST revenue has reached ₹10.4 lakh crore in the first seven months of 2022-23, 29% more than the total collection in the same period last year.

The average monthly collection so far has been ₹1.48 lakh crore compared to ₹1.23 lakh crore in the same period last year.

If it goes at this rate, the overall GST collection in 2022-23 could reach ₹18 lakh crore compared to ₹15 lakh crore in the previous year. As far as state-wise collections are concerned, most large states have seen double digit growth in collections barring Bihar, which saw a contraction in year-on-year GST revenues. Karnataka registered 33% growth, followed by Kerala (29%), West Bengal (26%), Tamil Nadu (25%) and Andhra Pradesh (24%).

October GST collections see 16.5% YoY growth

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Festive season impact: Top 4 carmakers report robust sales in October 2022

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S automotive sector received the much-needed festive season push in October 2022. Not only the carmakers registered sharp spike in monthly sales despite semiconductor supply constraints, the two-wheeler industry too witnessed a pick-up in sales.

Top carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) on Tuesday reported a 21% year-on-year (YoY) increase in total sales, including exports, at 1,67,520 units in October 2022. In the domestic market, MSIL passenger vehicle (PV) dispatch stood at 140,337 units in October 2022 as compared to 1,17,013 units in the year-ago month.

Korean carmaker Hyundai remained India's second-largest carmaker with total sales at 58,006 units last month, a growth of 33% YoY. Domestic sales for Hyundai grew by 30% to 48,001 units last month as compared to 37,021 units in October 2021. Tarun Garg, director (sales, marketing & service), at Hyundai India, said "With the ever-improving semi-conductor situation, we were able to meet the demand of our beloved customers and deliver their favourite Hyundai cars during the festive season in October." Garg claims that they are set to register record domestic sales volume in CY2022 Witt proven range of super performer SUV brands.

Tata Motors PV sales, including electric vehicles, in the domestic market were at 45,423 units as compared to 34,155 units in the same month last year, up 33%. EV sales, including international business, were at 4,277 units last month as against 1,660 units in the same month a year ago, the company said. Mahindra & Mahindra's total domestic PV sales stood grew by 60% YoY in October 2022 to 32,298 units.

In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp witnessed sharp fall in sales- from 5.28 lakh units in October 2021 to 4.43 lakh units in October 2022. The other big three- TVS, Bajaj Auto and Japan's Honda reported minor gain in sales.

TOP 4 CARMAKERS REPORT GROWTH IN OCT SALES

	Oct 2022	Oct 2021
Maruti Suzuki	140,337	108,991
Hyundai	48,001	37,023
Tata Motors	45,423	34,155
M & M	32,298	20,130
2W SALES		
	Oct 2022	Oct 2021
Hero MotoCorp	442,825	527,779
Bajaj Auto	206,131	198,738
Honda	425,969	394,645
TVS	275,395	258,777

UNDER SCANNER

MG Motor under MCA scrutiny over booked losses

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

CHINESE automaker MG Motor India has been served a notice by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) over its books of account and losses it made in the first year of operations.

The Registrar of Companies (RoC) has summoned the management and the auditor of the company to explain some of the accounting issues identified by it. Deloitte is the auditor of MG Motor India, a subsidiary of China's SAIC Motor. MG Motor in a statement on Tuesday confirmed that it has been sent a notice seeking clarifications primarily on why it had operational losses in the first year of operations in 2019-2020.

The company said it is cooperating with the authorities on all issues and is in process of providing the desired records and information to the RoC within stipulated time frame.

"MG Motor India is a law-abiding, professionally managed company that adheres to the highest standards of compliance and governance and is committed to transparency," it said. The company said it is impossible for any automobile company to be profitable in the first year of its operations. "This is because of the huge Capex investment required and the long gestation period in a highly competitive market such as India where many multinationals have struggled for decades and have accumulated losses," the company said in a statement.

EXPRESS READ

Windfall tax cut on crude oil, levy on diesel export

NEW DELHI: The government on Tuesday cut the windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil while increasing rate on export of diesel and jet fuel (ATF) in line with rise in global oil prices. The tax on crude oil produced by companies such as state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), was cut to ₹9,500 per tonne from ₹11,000, beginning November 2, a government notification showed. *PTI*

Airtel starts testing 5G standalone network for enterprise use cases

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@ New Delhi

BHARTI AIRTEL on Tuesday said it has started testing of 5G Standalone (SA) network as this mode may be relevant for some enterprise use cases.

Gopal Vittal, managing director of Airtel, in an earnings call on Tuesday, said by March 2024 the telco expects to cover all towns in urban India as also key rural areas with 5G network. "While these use cases (5G standalone network) are very niche today, we are already doing our trials to serve customers where needed. We are also testing our mm wave spectrum for fixed wireless access. You will hear more about our plans on FWA in the coming months," said Vittal.

Vittal said all of Xiaomi, Oppo, Vivo and Realme devices support Airtel's 5G NSA. Samsung and OnePlus will also be fully ready in the next couple of weeks, and Apple soon thereafter. Airtel has started its 5G network in eight Indian cities on non-standalone (NSA) 5G network. For the NSA network, only radio access network (RAN) is upgraded to 5G while the SA system needs changing of the entire system. Reliance Jio is the only telco that opted for 5G SA network.

Vittal also hinted at tariff hike. He said for a business that takes risk and puts in substantial capex in order to drive digital adoption in India, this level of return on capital employed (ROCE) is very low. "The only way to help remedy this situation is a tariff correction," he added. Meanwhile, Airtel on Monday reported an 89% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹2,145.2 crore for the second quarter of financial year 2022-23. Its average revenue per user or ARPU rose to ₹190 from ₹183. Its consolidated revenues for the quarter grew sequentially by 5.3% to reach ₹34,527crore. Its EBITDA margins improved to 51.8%, benefited by continued cost control and spectrum usage charge (SUC) benefits that were part of the seminal telecom reforms of last year.

Airtel's mobile business saw a sequential revenue growth of 4% on the back of up-trading, continued feature phone to smartphone upgrades and its focus on data monetisation based on digital capabilities to get users to buy extra data on any day within the plan cycle when their allowance runs out.

ASIANOMICS

PAKISTAN

OCT CPI RISES TO 26.6% YOY ON FOOD, FUEL COSTS

Pakistan's consumer inflation accelerated in October to 26.6% from a year earlier, the statistics bureau said on Tuesday, with prices showing a rise of 4.7% from the previous month. In September, the consumer price index rose 23.2% on year, slowing from a decades-high 27.3% in August. The rise in prices was boosted mainly by electricity and food prices, the bureau said in a statement. Persistently high inflation has put severe strain on the South Asian country's economy, which is also reeling from falling foreign exchange reserves, a depreciating and unstable currency, as well as a widening current account deficit. Foreign exchange reserves with the central bank stand at $7.4 billion, barely enough to cover a month's imports. In September, the central bank, while keeping the main policy rate unchanged at 15%, projected inflation after the floods to be on the higher side of a prior estimate of 18%-20% in FY2022-23.

HONG KONG

SEPT RETAIL SALES EDGE UP AS TRAVEL RULES EASE

Hong Kong's retail sales nudged up in September helped by improved tourism from eased pandemic restrictions, government data showed on Tuesday, but an official warned that tightened financial conditions will pose a challenge for the outlook. Retail sales in September rose 0.2% from a year earlier in value terms to stand at HK$28.1 billion ($3.6 billion). That compared with HK$28.5 billion in August, when retail sales slid 0.2% from a year earlier. Strict COVID-19 restrictions have weighed on Hong Kong's economy since early 2020, grinding tourism to a halt and battering sales at bars, restaurants and shops. The city scrapped a hotel quarantine requirement for all incoming visitors in September, after closely following China's "zero-COVID" policy over the past two years. The government said the stable domestic epidemic situation, improved labour market conditions and the government's Consumption Voucher Scheme will continue to support demand.

INDONESIA

INFLATION EASES IN OCTOBER

Indonesia's October inflation rate came in below the expectations of officials and the market, statistics bureau data showed on Tuesday, but still remained above the central bank's target range for a fifth straight month. Headline annual inflation rate fell to 5.71% in October, compared with 5.95% in September, which was the highest in seven years for Southeast Asia's largest economy, as prices of goods climbed after the government raised subsidised fuel prices on September, 3. Officials at Bank Indonesia (BI), which has a target for inflation within a range of 2% to 4%, had predicted an easing in the headline inflation rate. A deputy governor on Monday expected a 5.8% rate for October. Tuesday's data also showed the annual core inflation rate, which excludes government-controlled prices and volatile food prices, picked up to 3.31% last month, from 3.21% in September, below the poll's 3.40% prediction. Softening food prices had helped to restrain the acceleration in the headline inflation, DBS Bank economist Radhika Rao said, describing the gradual rise in core inflation as "a surprise".

Days after CCI penalty, Google pauses enforcement of in-app billing policy

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DAYS after the Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty on Google for abusing its dominant market position in India, the US tech giant announced pausing on plans to enforce the Google Play billing system for in-app transactions.

The company said it will review legal options and ensure it can continue to invest. Now, Google Play's billing system will not be a compulsory requirement for Indian developers who wish to offer in-app content for purchase.

"Developers in India were given an additional extension until October 31 to comply due to unique circumstances with the payments landscape," said Google in a statement. "Following the CCI's ruling, we are pausing enforcement of the requirement for developers to use Google Play's billing system for purchase of digital goods and services for transactions in India, while we review our legal options and ensure we can continue to invest in Android and Play," said Google.

However, the requirement to use Google Play's billing system applies for in-app digital content purchases for users outside India.

CCI, India's antitrust watchdog, has imposed two fines on Google so far: ₹936.44 crore for abusing its dominant market position with respect to its Play Store policies and ₹1,338 crore for abusing its dominant position in multiple categories related to the Android ecosystem.

CCI said Google's policies require the app developers to mandatorily use Google Play's Billing System (GPBS) not only for receiving payments for apps (and other digital products like audio, video, games) distributed/sold via Google Play Store but also for certain in-app purchases. If the app developers don't comply with Google's policy of using GPBS, they are not permitted to list their apps on the Play Store and thus, would lose out the vast pool of potential customers.

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Indus revises Q2FY23 result, drops VIL para on govt stake

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INDUS TOWERS, a mobile tower installation company, on Tuesday, revised a paragraph from its second-quarter report that mentioned the government's equity stake in Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL).

"Since the company is not required to make any disclosures on this matter, the company is hereby correcting the aforesaid quarterly report by deleting the aforesaid paragraph titled 'Govt stake in VIL' which was incorporated erroneously," Indus Towers said in an exchange filing. Indus tower, in its result, said the government is delaying the equity conversion because the share price of VIL is below ₹10 par value.

The loss-making telecom operator had opted to avail of the option of deferring its spectrum payment and adjusted gross revenue dues worth ₹16,130 crore in January.

PNB Q2 net profit falls 63% to ₹411 cr

NEW DELHI: State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Tuesday reported a 63% fall in standalone net profit to ₹411 crore for the second quarter of financial year 2022-23 (Q2FY23) on account of higher provisioning for bad loans The bank had posted a net profit of ₹1,105 crore in the year-ago period. Total income in Q2FY23 increased to ₹23,001.26 crore as against ₹21,262.32 in the same period a year ago. *ENS*

Jamshed J Irani, steel man of India, passes away at 86

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TATA GROUP veteran and former managing director of Tata Steel Jamshed J Irani passed away in Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) late Monday night. He was 86.

He is survived by his wife Daisy Irani and three children -- Zubin, Niloufer and Tanaaz.

Irani, also was known as the steel man of India, retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011, leaving behind a legacy of over 4 decades. Post the news of his demise, India Inc and senior politicians remembered him as the maestro who played a leading role in turning around India's steel sector.

JAMSHED J IRANI
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TV Narendran, the current CEO and MD of Tata Steel, said JJ Irani transformed Tata Steel in the nineties and made them one of the lowest cost steel producers in the world.

"He helped build a strong foundation on which we grew in the subsequent decades. He was one of the pioneers of the TQM movement in the country. He led with courage and conviction and was a role model and mentor for many in Tata Steel then and now. The employees of Tata Steel past and present are indebted to his leadership during turbulent times," added Narendran.

Sanjiv Bajaj, President, CII and chairman of Bajaj Finserv said Irani was a giant in the firmament of industry and he shaped its trajectory over the decades at a time when India was undertaking its economic reforms process. Born on June 2, 1936, in Nagpur to Jiji Irani and Khorshed Irani. He completed Bachelor of Science degree from Science College, Nagpur, in 1956 and Master of Science degree in Geology from the Nagpur University in 1958.

Sabalenka stuns Jabeur, Sakkari edges Pegula

World number seven **Aryna Sabalenka** rallied from a set down to beat second-ranked Ons Jabeur on Monday as round-robin play began at the season-ending WTA Finals. Sabalenka beat the Tunisian 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5. Greece's fifth-ranked Maria Sakkari defeated third-ranked American Jessica Pegula 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/4).

DRAVID HAS RAHUL'S BACK

Opener's place has come under the microscope but coach pours cold water on suggestions he may be dropped

POINTS TO PONDER

As India take on Bangladesh in Adelaide on Wednesday, a look at key talking points...

TIME FOR RISHABH?

When asked about Dinesh Karthik's fitness, head coach Rahul Dravid said that they will put him through drills and take a call on the morning of the match. It seems like Rishabh Pant might come in for DK given that the latter's role of pace-hitting specialist might not be of much use against a spin-heavy Bangladesh side.

SHAKIB ON THE SPOT

The Bangladesh skipper's comment on the eve of the clash against India might not impress the fans back home. "We haven't come here to win the World Cup, but India have. If we win tomorrow, it will be an upset victory," Shakib Al Hasan said. While there is no doubt that they will give everything on the field, all eyes will be on Shakib and his men and their approach on Tuesday.

WEATHER WATCH

The Indian team had an indoor training in Adelaide on Tuesday due to the rain early on. While the rain did stop, the city witnessed a hailstorm later in the day. With 60 per cent chance of showers, there is a high chance that at least one of the matches could be affected by rain.

Today's matches

Adelaide: Netherlands vs Zimbabwe, 9.30 AM

India vs Bangladesh, 1.30 PM

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VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

ONE of the positives that players speak about Rohit Sharma-Rahul Dravid's tenure has been the disappearance of insecurity with regards to their spot in XI. Of course, it is a very thin line between taking the spot for granted and playing without worrying about your place, but it makes a huge difference for players, especially batters.

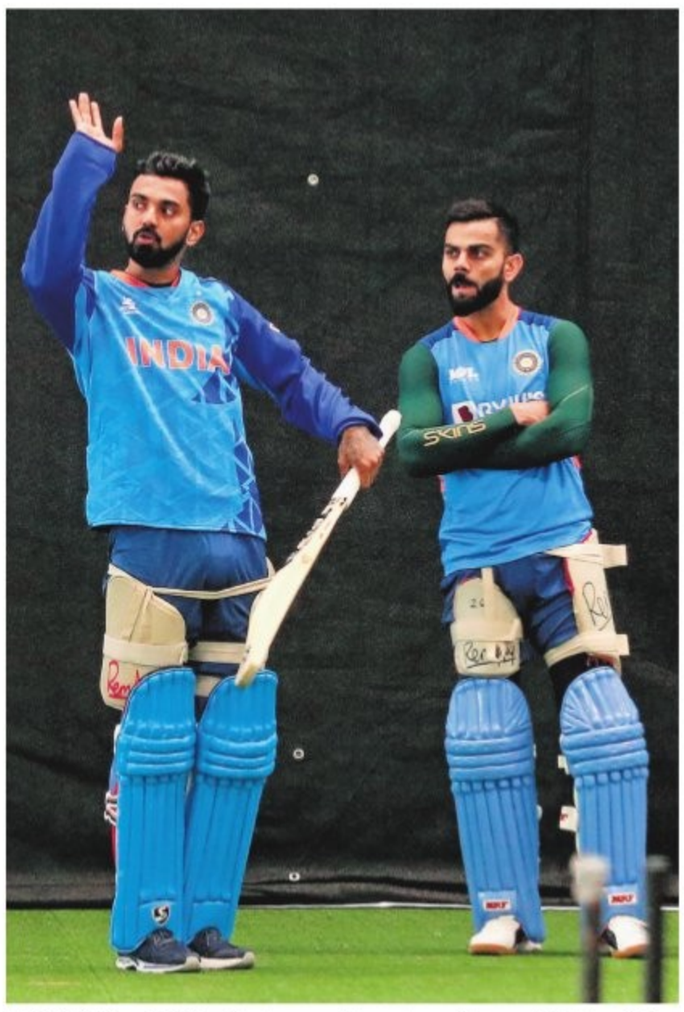
There are no knee-jerk reactions and enough opportunities are handed before looking at the next option. As India look to get their T20 World Cup campaign back on track, the captain-coach duo are showing no signs of drifting away from their policy even as a knife hangs around KL Rahul.

In the three innings so far at the T20 World Cup, the opener has scores of 4,9 & 9. After a not so good outing at the Asia Cup, Rahul showed signs of returning to form in the two bilaterals against Australia and South Africa. And on arrival in Australia, he had scores 74 & 57 in the practice and warm-up fixtures. Since then, Rahul's form has become the focal point, with Rohit and Kohli made to dig-in at the top.

India, though, are not fretting over it. At least for now. At least that is what Dravid said on the eve of their match against Bangladesh at Adelaide.

"No, not all," Dravid said when asked if Rahul's form is a matter of concern. "I think he's a fantastic player, and he's got a proven track record. He's done really well. I thought he's been batting superbly. These things can happen in a T20 game sometimes. It's not been that easy for top-order batters, this tournament has been pretty challenging. Just hoping it all clicks together over the next three or four games.

"We know his quality, we know his ability, and he's really well suited for these kind of conditions, these kind of pitches. He's got a good all-around game. He's got a very good strong back-foot game, which is obviously very much required in these conditions," Dravid added.



Virat Kohli (R) and KL Rahul during a practice session on the eve of India's match against Bangladesh at the Adelaide Oval on Wednesday | AFP

The back-foot game that Dravid mentions is what made the team back him to the tilt. For a player who missed a major chunk of matches India played since the end of the last T20 World Cup till the Asia Cup, the team management has thrown his weight behind Rahul precisely for what he can offer on these pitches.

There was even temptation to play Rishabh Pant, another player who is almost tailor made for the conditions thanks to his cross-batted shots, at the top. But India put those plans on the backburner to accommodate Rahul for the time being. Given this is an unusual time to play cricket in Australia, India have been wary of the conditions, where they feel a compact batter is needed more than a flamboyant one. And the matches so far has reflected that with pacers getting good purchase early on. However, what refuses to go away even in such condition is whether Rahul is able to play the role that has been offered. In three matches, he has inside-edged one, was LBW against Netherlands, and against South Africa, was caught at slip. Off 34 deliveries he has faced in the tournament, he has hit only one boundary and a six, a sign of lacking the necessary intent that one relates with T20s.

"In Rohit's and my mind, there's absolutely no doubt about who's going to open for us. Rest assured, both in words and in action, over the last year, he (Rahul) knows he has our support. He has known that. There has been a lot of clarity about what our side is going to be, what our squad is going to be coming into this tournament, and we haven't wavered from that for a very long time. He's had phases where he's unfortunately been injured. But in word and in action, with all of our players — that's the great thing about Rohit, that he's really shown them that confidence and that belief," Dravid said.

As the tournament heads to Adelaide — which traditionally serves batting-friendly conditions — India may need to alter their tactics. While quickfire starts have been hard to come by, weather permitting, this could change in Adelaide.

"There is a unique nature to playing this tournament in this country, that almost game-to-game you're having to adapt your tactics, your strategies to different conditions. I think that's the uniqueness of that. If the conditions so dictate that the ball is nipping around doing a bit, then we can afford our batsmen to maybe be a little bit more conservative, keep wickets in hand and then target. It's about adapting and being smart. I don't think there's just one way to play T20 cricket on all conditions. It might be really flat when we come out here tomorrow (Wednesday), and it might become a 180 wicket and we might need to go harder," Dravid said.

Buttler lights up Gabba; SL win to stay in hunt

AGENCIES @ Brisbane

ENGLAND rescued their T20 World Cup hopes as they held their nerve to see off New Zealand by 20 runs at the Gabba in Brisbane on Tuesday. England, who had been facing almost certain elimination had they lost, moved up into the top two in Group 1 along with their opponents with one round of matches to go. Only the top two reach the semifinals.

It puts enormous pressure on hosts and defending champions Australia, who must now win their last match against Afghanistan and hope England and New Zealand stumble. Skipper Jos Buttler smashed 73 off 47 balls as England reached 179/6 and finally started to show why they were one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Brief scores Afghanistan 144/8 in 20 ovs (Gurbaz 28; Hasaranga 3/13) **lost to** Sri Lanka 148/4 in 20 ovs (Dhananjaya 66 n.o; Mujeeb 2/24); England 179/6 in 20 ovs (Buttler 73, Hales 52) **bt** New Zealand 159/6 in 20 ovs (Phillips 62; Curran 2/26).

They then got away to a perfect start in the field when New Zealand opener Devon Conway leg-glanced a ball from Chris Woakes and Buttler took a spectacular diving catch. It got worse for the Kiwis when Finn Allen pulled a slower ball from Sam Curran to Ben Stokes at deep mid-wicket, leaving New Zealand 28-2 after five overs.

Phillips, who blasted a century against Sri Lanka in New Zealand's last match, raced to his half century off only 25 balls. With Kane Williamson, James Neesham and Daryl Mitchell falling in quick intervals. Once Phillips fell, New Zealand's challenge was as good as over as the lower order struggled to find the boundary. New Zealand, England and Australia are all on five points after four games with New Zealand top of Group 1 on net run rate, with England second.

Earlier in the day, Dhananjaya de Silva scored an unbeaten 66 as Sri Lanka kept their slim hopes alive with a six-wicket win over Afghanistan.

Skipper Jos Buttler slammed 73 off 47 to help England score 179/6 | AP

Group 1						
Team	M	W	L	N/R	PTS	NRR
NZ	4	2	1	1	5	2.233
ENG	4	2	1	1	5	0.547
AUS	4	2	1	1	5	-0.304
SL	4	2	2	0	4	-0.457
IRE	4	1	2	1	3	-1.544
AFG	4	0	2	2	2	-0.718

Group 2						
Team	M	W	L	N/R	PTS	NRR
SA	3	2	0	1	5	2.772
IND	3	2	1	0	4	0.844
BAN	3	2	1	0	4	-1.533
ZIM	3	1	1	1	3	-0.05
PAK	3	1	2	0	2	0.765
NED	3	0	3	0	0	-1.948

Two national meet medallists fail dope test

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

In another embarrassing turn of events for the Athletics Federation of India, two medallists at national meets have tested positive for banned substances and have been sanctioned. According to the list available on Athletics Integrity Unit, hammer thrower Mahipal Singh of Madhya Pradesh has tested positive for combination of steroids Trenbolone & Metandienone.

Mahipal won a gold at the first Indian Open Throws Competition in Patiala on February 27. As a medallist his samples were collected and tested at the National Dope Testing Laboratory. Though details are not available on the National Anti-Doping Agency website, Mahipal has been suspended for reduced three years instead of the mandatory four-year suspension for first steroid offence. According to a relatively new World Anti-Doping Agency Rule 10.7.2 and 10.8.1 of the 2021 Code, athletes can be handed a reduced ban. "One-Year Reduction for Certain Anti-Doping Rule Violations Based on Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction..," it says.

Long distance runner Manju Yadav, representing Railways at the South Asian and National Cross Country Championships in Kohima earlier this year, tested positive for banned steroid 19-norandrosterone. She has accepted a reduced three-year suspension. Manju finished second in Kohima.

Renu is another name that was listed on the AIU website, and her order is available on the NADA website. She has been suspended for intentionally evading sample collection. There are some interesting findings during the hearing. According to the order, despite the Dope Control Officer notifying her of an out-of-competition sample collection, "the athlete refused to sign the notification form and ran away from the spot." The DCO also reported that the coach helped her in running away. During the course of the probe, Renu in a written submission had said while she was in conversation with the NADA official, some girl threatened to kill her. "Therefore, I was scared and ran away from there to save my life," the order said. And she claimed that her coach was not present and she did not know the consequence of evading collection of samples. She said that she was a victim of conspiracy. She has been banned for four years from September 6, 2022 and all her results nullified from August 8, the date of infraction.

This is not the first time medallists have tested positive. Of late high-profile athletes, including international medallists, have tested positive.

Asian Chess: 4 players in joint lead

NEW DELHI: Top-seeded Indian GM R Praggnanandhaa won a marathon 137-move game against compatriot Karthikeyan Murali in the seventh round to move into joint lead with three others on 5.5 points in the open section of the Asian Continental Chess Championship here on Tuesday. In the women's event, Indian WGM PV Nandhidhaa is in the lead with six points after seven rounds, following a drawn game against compatriot Padmini Rout (5 points). Nandhidhaa and Rout drew their game in 49 moves.

Top tier clashes

Group E has an intriguing clash while PSG will look to seal top spot. A look at Wednesday's Champions League matches...

MILAN VS RB SALZBURG

Second vs third, with the winner assured of a place in the knockout stages, stakes do not come higher than this with one match remaining. Milan have been inconsistent in Europe but will know even a draw will take them through. But the Austrians have firepower up front and can break at pace.

SHAKHTAR DONETSK VS RB LEIPZIG

The Germans lead by three points but at 'home' (they play their home games in Poland following Russia's invasion), the Ukraine club will go through as long as they win. Can the Ukraine club get the win to complete another story in this most remarkable of seasons for them?

JUVENTUS VS PSG

A marquee clash that's almost been reduced to an afterthought thanks to Juventus' limp performances in Europe this season. But PSG, level on points with Benfica, know a win will give them top spot in the group.

WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURES

(1.30 AM on Thursday unless specified)

Group E: Milan vs RB Salzburg, Chelsea vs Dinamo Zagreb.

Group F: Real Madrid vs Celtic, Shakhtar Donetsk vs RB Leipzig (both at 11.5 PM).

Group G: Copengahen vs Dortmund, Manchester City vs Sevilla.

Group H: Maccabi Haifa vs Benfica, Juventus vs PSG.

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EXPRESS READ

Asian C'ships: Boxer Sparsh wins

NEW DELHI: Boxer Sparsh Kumar kickstarted India's campaign on a winning note on the first day at the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Tuesday. The Punjab boxer displayed sharp foot movement and precise punches to notch a comfortable 5-0 win in 51kg against Kyrgyzstan's Diushebaev Nurzhigit. He will face Olympic bronze medallist and reigning World Champion Saken Bibossinov in the pre-quarterfinal on Wednesday.

Fritz in contention for ATP Finals spot

PARIS: Taylor Fritz of the United States stayed in contention for one of the two remaining ATP Finals spots by beating Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain 7-5, 6-2 in the first round of the Paris Masters. Carlos Alcaraz, Rafael Nadal, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Casper Ruud, Daniil Medvedev and Novak Djokovic have already qualified for the ATP Finals. Fritz, Felix Auger-Aliassime, Andrey Rublev and Hubert Hurkacz are in the running to round out the eight-player field.

Gill hits century to take Punjab into semifinals

ENS @ Chennai

A DAY after his inclusion in the T20I squad for the New Zealand tour, Shubman Gill celebrated with a swashbuckling century for Punjab, helping them beat Karnataka in the Syed Mushtaq Ali quarterfinal in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Punjab posted a huge 225/4, thanks to Gill's 55-ball 126. In reply, the Mayank Agarwal-led side came close to chasing the target before falling short by nine runs. After losing some early wickets, ex-skipper Manish Pandey (45) and Abhinav Manohar (62 n.o) kept Karnataka in the game, but it wasn't enough in the end.

Meanwhile, Himachal Pradesh held their nerve in a last-ball thriller against Bengal to secure a four-wicket victory. Shahbaz Ahmed's 59 powered Bengal to 199/6 before AP Vashisht (76 n.o) and NR Gangta (50) took HP home.

In the other two quarterfinals, Vidarbha edged past Delhi by the barest of margins and Mumbai trumped Saurashtra comfortably to progress to the semifinals. YR Thakur's four-fer helped Vidarbha defend a par total of 157/5. Delhi gave a fight but fell short by one run in the end. On the other hand, Shreyas Iyer (40) and Shivam Dube (25 n.o) guided Mumbai home with the bat against Saurashtra.

Brief scores: Vidarbha 157/5 in 20 ovs (Wadkar 63; Mayank 1/16) **bt** Delhi 156/6 in 20 ovs (Dhull 39; Thakur 4/29); Punjab 225/4 in 20 ovs (Gill 126, Anmol_preet 59; Vidwath 3/44) **bt** Karnataka 216/6 in 20 ovs (Abhinav 62 n.o, Manish 45; Ramandeep 2/26); Bengal 199/6 in 20 ovs (Shahbaz 59, Ritwik 32 n.o) **lost to** HP 200/6 in 20 ovs (Vashisht 76 n.o, Gangta 50); Saurashtra 166/8 in 20 ovs (Prerak 61; Tushar 3/37) **lost to** Mumbai 168/8 in 19.3 ovs (Shreyas 40; Sakariya 4/33).

EYES ON FUTURE

Aim is to be in the top 20, says shuttler Sankar

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

FORMER junior world number 1 Sankar Muthusamy on Sunday became the second Indian male shuttler to claim a silver medal at the World Junior Badminton Championships after he went down fighting in the summit clash against Chinese Taipei's Kuo kuan Lin in Spain.

The BAI promptly on Monday announced a cash reward of ₹5 lakh for Sankar. The way the Chennai lad prepared himself and with his potential to surprise top ranked players one expected Sankar to bag the gold. But that was not to be.

Nevertheless the 18-year old is happy with the performance and believes that he will be rich from the experience. "It's a good feeling to bag a medal (silver). The match (final) was quite tough, but I managed to pull through," said an elated Sankar from Paris before boarding the flight to India.

Sankar from a young age has had lot of exposure playing abroad. He has, at times, travelled on his own and has shown the knack of adapting to various conditions and environment.

Even during the pandemic he has played in tournaments abroad and thus one expected him to bag the gold for he is familiar with the circuit. "Expectations were certainly there. But I didn't get the proper rhythm throughout. I was able to play my game only in patches," revealed the youngster.

Players from China, Chinese Taipei, Korea and Indonesia are always good in racquet sports. So one needs to prepare meticulously and take one match at a time and go up the ladder without putting pressure on oneself.

> **There was no particular training done specifically for this tournament. I just went about my usual drills to hone my skill-sets. My quarterfinals match was the toughest as my opponent was Chinese player Hu Zhe An.** — Sankar Muthusamy

"There was no particular training done specifically for this tournament. I just went about my usual drills to hone my skill-sets. Always my strategy is to take one match at a time and not put pressure on myself and it worked. My quarterfinals match was the toughest as my opponent was Chinese player Hu Zhe An," he explained.

Sankar credits his success to his association with Fireball Badminton Academy. It is here that he learnt the ropes of the game and made a mark.

"I am training under Arvindan sir at the academy. My game has improved a lot since I joined the academy. Nevertheless it is a great feeling to bag a medal for the country and my training at the academy before the event came in handy. For fitness I train with Deepak. The season (last year or so) has panned out well for me. I became junior World no 1 and I am in the verge of getting into the top 100 in the men's (seniors). My aim is to get into the top 20 in the men's rankings," signed off Sankar.

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Presenting Karnataka on a world stage, Global Investors Meet is an event to showcase the state as the ultimate industrially progressive, investor-friendly state in India

Global Investors Meet 2022 will be a platform to join industry leaders, innovators, and policy-makers from all over the globe to explore new growth possibilities. This year's meet will focus on getting thought leaders, political leaders, and business leaders to carve out the development agenda.

The inaugural ceremony today will be virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and also attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, Central Ministers Smiriti Irani, Bhagwanth Khuba, and Nitin Gadkari.

Karnataka is the preferred destination for investments in the manufacturing & sustainability sectors. At the Global Investors Meet, the state is looking at forging partnerships with various business houses across India and the globe. With the key themes of resilience, innovation, sustainability, and equity, the state is committed to setting 'Karnataka's development agenda in line with global best practices and showcasing our strong ability to -- Build for the World'.

The Global Investors Meet is supposed to showcase the robust industrial-friendly ecosystem, attract investments from global players, and spread industrialisation across the state. The state is expecting over Rs 5 lakh crore in investments and the generation of 5 lakh jobs through the event.

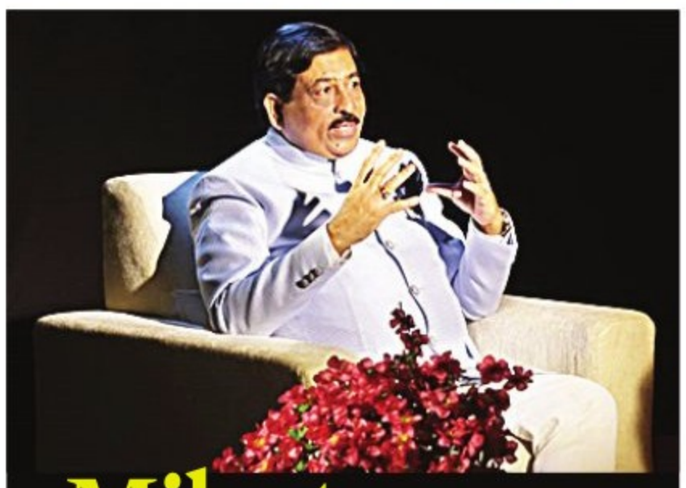
Recently, the state delegation led by Dr. Murugesh R. Nirani completed the international roadshows in Japan, South Korea, the US, and Europe and domestic roadshows in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Mumbai. "The aim is not only to get investments but to bring the industry giants under one platform. Around 5000-plus global delegates are expected to attend the meet. The GIM with contemporary themes will be an opportunity to connect, collaborate and network with global leaders," sources in the ministry said.

Secured Projects

For the Global Investors Meet, a total of 50,000 acres of land -- 20,000 acres in Bengaluru and 30,000 acres across the state has been earmarked.

Karnataka has already secured INR 4 Lac Crores worth of projects across sectors such as Green Hydrogen, Electronics Manufacturing, Renewables, Aerospace and Defence, E-mobility, and infrastructure.

The State has seen 66% conversion of MoUs signed in the industrial sectors to investment proposals being filed over the past 1 year. This conversion ratio is expected to cross 80% over 3-6 months after the Global Investors Meet.



Milestones

- The Large and Medium Industries Ministry has been successful in creating an entrepreneurial environment and enhancing investor friendliness in the state.
- Reformative measures such as the Industrial Infrastructure Amendment, Land Reform Act Amendment, Faster Approval of Business Proposals, Emphasis on Flexible Business, Affidavit Based Approval, and Deregulation of Regulations have been taken.
- Sector-wise policies like the ESDM Special Incentive package, EV policy, and ER&D (Engineering Research and Development) policy provide best-in-class incentives.

Prospective GEMS of GIM

- The meet would be a 3-day event comprising of speaker sessions and networking opportunities (B2B and B2G). To give a more holistic experience, there would be curated cultural experiences.
- Additionally, this edition would be hosting a Global Start-up Challenge – VentuRISE which is open for start-ups working in manufacturing and sustainability sectors from across the world to participate.
- VentuRISE has received 1200+ applications and the announcement of the winners of the Challenge would be done at the Global Investors Meet.
- The cash prize pool for the winning start-ups is USD 100,000. In addition, there are also networking sessions and mentorship sessions planned for the top 10 finalists in the challenge at the meet.
- The event would be kick-started by an inaugural ceremony today at 11 a.m. The inaugural ceremony would also include an investment announcement session for all the investments realized and MoUs signed.
- The inaugural ceremony would be followed by 10-12 immersive sessions spread across the 2.5 days. These sessions would be a mix of innovative formats such as panel discussions, fireside chats, TED-style talks among others.
- In addition to the speaker sessions, a number of networking events, business exhibitions, and country sessions would run parallelly across the 3 days.
- The country sessions would each be hosted by the partner countries which would be bringing in high-level ministerial and industrial delegations from their respective countries for the same.
- Six countries (France, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, Japan and Australia) have been onboarded as country partners.
- Given that the event would have delegates from across the world, it would be a great opportunity to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka and India.
- There will be a musical performance by the two-time Grammy award winner – Ricky Kej, today evening.
- There will be an immersive Drum Circle show by Vasundhara Das in the afternoon of Day 2 (3rd Nov) followed by a classical dance performance of Yakshagaana and a performance of Jugalbandi of Carnatic and Hindustani music by celebrated artists.
- To showcase the evolution of art forms in Karnataka, a dedicated exhibition at the National Gallery of Modern Arts, Bengaluru will be organised bringing in paintings and artifacts from museums and galleries across all parts of Karnataka.
- To showcase the traditional handicrafts of Karnataka there will be an exhibition for Handlooms, Textiles, and Handicrafts at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishad. Additionally, there will be curated tourism trails in Karnataka, food festivals and wine-tasting sessions, golf tournaments and heritage walks.
- The event will culminate in a closing ceremony on Day 3 (4th Nov.) tentatively planned from 14:00 p.m. to 17:00 p.m.

New Industrial Policy 2020 – 2025

- Karnataka has emerged as one of the country's most attractive investment destinations due to the many progressive reforms of the government.
- Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme across all sectors.
- The new Aerospace & Defence policy (2022-27) aims to establish the state as the preferred investment destination for Aerospace & Defence manufacturing.
- Cluster-based approach to create sectoral focus.
- Identified Focus sectors: Automobiles & Auto components, Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices, Engineering and Machine Tools, Knowledge-based industries, Logistics, Renewable Energy, Aerospace & Defence, and Electric Vehicles.
- Beyond Bengaluru policy for holistic development of the State.
- Product-specific industrial cluster program: Aims to create product-specific manufacturing clusters to ensure balanced industrialization across the State.
- An amount of Rs. 651 lakhs have been released and utilized for Product Specific Industrial Cluster Development activities.
- Special incentives and concessions: Offered specific to the product sector have been announced for each cluster.
- 'One District One Product (ODOP): Promotion of Tier II and Tier III cities aligning with the Government of India's vision, under the 'Atma Nirbhar' Scheme
- Land Reforms: Amendment to Section 109 of Land Reforms Act permitting approved industrial projects to directly purchase agricultural land.
- Labour Reforms: Sections 64 & 65 of the Factories Act, 1948 amended to allow overtime working hours to be extended to 125 hours per quarter and to allow women workers to work night shifts.
- State-of-the-art private industrial parks and industrial townships in the state.
- Special Investment regions to be set up across all districts.
- Industrially backward districts to get more incentives to attract investments to ensure balanced industrial development of the State.

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DAY'S DIARY

Honours scrapped

In 2015, Australia's Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull scrapped knights and dames from the nation's honours system

INTRODUCTION & DISMISSAL

The Order of Australia replaced the British honours system in 1975 and knights and dames were dropped just 11 years later, being dismissed as anachronisms

REINSTATED

But the titles were reinstated by Tony Abbott in 2014, when he controversially selected Prince Philip for a prestigious knighthood on Australia Day

FURORE IN AUSTRALIA

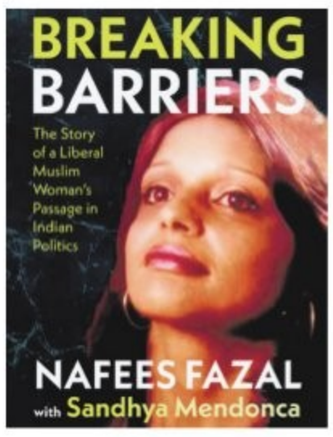
This decision was the beginning of the end for Abbott, as it led to furore across the country. In less than a year after this incident, Turnbull took his decision

Jayaram's entry to sandalwood with Ghost

PG 4

Ahead of the launch of her new book *Breaking Barriers*, the first Muslim woman minister in South India Nafees Fazal talks about her journey, battling patriarchy and Karnataka's political environment

AGAINST ALL ODDS



DESE GOWDA

IN 1999, **Nafees Fazal** became the first woman from a minority community to hold a ministerial post in South India. In her new book *Breaking Barriers*, coming out on November 4, Fazal explores her remarkable life, from her troubled childhood, her tumultuous political journey, and her personal beliefs as a liberal and a devout Muslim.

Known as a bold politician who was unafraid to speak her mind, Fazal turned heads throughout her career. She says that her difficult childhood experiences helped shape her political ambitions. "I was brought up by my grandparents till the age of six. My grandfather was the Sheriff of Madras at that time, and though he had such a noble post, he had a sadistic streak in him. He would ill-treat my grandmother, and my uncles did the same with their wives. All of this didn't gel with me; it made me very angry. I wanted to make it on my own in a man's world," she explains adding that former prime minister Indira Gandhi served as a role model for her during her school days.

"In school, I would read the newspaper every day, and I would see pictures of Indira Gandhi with Nehru. I started to idolise her and decided that one day I would make it like Indira. I always strived to emulate her," shares Fazal.

Fazal served two terms as a member of the Karnataka legislative council between 1994 and 2006. She was appointed as the Minister of Medical Education and Science and Technology in the S M Krishna-led Congress government.

But her political journey was rocky from the get-go. Facing opposition from members of her own community due to her outspoken nature, she says she had to make herself immune against the constant barrage of criticism and slander. "The men of my own community didn't want me in politics, because they felt I was too glamorous. But I refused to change the way I looked. They hated my guts because they thought I was too forthright, honest, and bold. So, they wanted me to go back home. But I had a mind of my own," she explains.

Amid her struggles to make a mark in a male-dominated political system, Fazal says that her sole strength came from her husband, as her own family members were disapproving of her political ambitions. "When I joined politics, my husband was the only one in my family who supported me. But I proved my mettle," says Fazal.

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AT THE SUMMIT OF SILVER YEARS

DIYA MARIA GEORGE

A nine-day journey with only 36 significant hours, ascending from 14,000 ft to 20,200 ft to Yunam peak was just another feather in the cap for Vidya Gajapathi Raju Singh. This 69-year-old multi-hyphenate was climbing along with the first group from Chennai to explore Yunam peak in Himachal Pradesh. Ignoring the low visibility due to the heavy rains, venturing through the destructions created by landslides, and fighting the high altitude problems, the team of 16 Chennaiites, organised by Get Up and Go, a travel agency, marched to reach up and touch the sky.

Initial hurdles

Starting from Chandigarh, the drive through Manali to Solang on August 19, according to Vidya, was terrifying because of the heavy rain. She recalls, "There were landslides, rocks and boulders falling on the road. We missed one acclimatisation trek as we reached only at 2 am because of the traffic jam on the roads. To compensate, we did another beautiful trek in that same area and to the gorgeous Anjani Mahadev Temple." The next day, the team did a few more acclimatisation treks and travelled through Atal Tunnel, the longest tunnel in the world which stretches 9 km, at the highest altitude. She explains, "It was quite extraordinary to see the difference from one side of the tunnel to the next.

As we entered, we came through green forested mountains. As we exited, we saw an entirely different landscape; stark mountains, with no trees at all, only grassy mountainsides and meadows."

Adjusting to the altitude

From taking Diamox pills to adjust to the altitude to settling with the minimum luggage and sleeping in tents, the group re-wired their daily routines around the mountains.

On August 23, during the trek from Bharatpur towards base camp, the team had to pick their way over rocks, boulders and scree, walking and stepping with great care, criss-crossing the muddy river a few times. Crossing the river formed from the glacial melt coming down the mountain and the Yunam glacier, they climbed to see beautiful shrubs and the extraordinary mountain flowers.

Touching the sky

On the most awaited day of the trek, August 25, from base camp to Yunam Peak summit, the team set out to climb at 2 am. Vidya shares, "The summit was our goal and we set off in a single file, led by Raghu. It was so dark that we could not see anything beyond the rocky narrow path that we were on, with the light of our headlamps. In a way, it was a good thing as we may have become intimidated by the mountain that lay ahead of us. I had my guide, Tejram, carrying my bag. The weather was bitterly cold, but we were dressed in many layers to keep warm. We climbed slowly a few steps at a time, stopping to catch a breath and to allow the racing heartbeats to slow down. As we reached the 4,900 m mark and then suddenly it was daybreak and we could see the mountains all around us. There was a glacier to the left of us and the Raghu and Tejram were delighted with our timing of summiting in 5.40 hours; it took me several minutes to understand that we had done it. It was a distance of 6.5 km from the Summit Base Camp."

When other members were troubled by altitude problems, Vidya trekked along with two 27-year-olds. Fighting all the odds, she took pride in her endurance. Her disciplined daily exercising routines and a strict diet consisting of mostly raw food, contribute to her endurance. She takes her life as it comes, which was why in 2013 when her friend Badri Vijayaraghavan asked to join them for a trek, the answer was an instant yes. From then on, through 13 treks, it was a journey of creating memories at the mountain.

After the Yunam Trek, she is excited about Pin Bhaba Pass Trek in April and Kilimanjaro trek in the future.

CITY READ

Lake restoration project completed

Kennametal India Limited, in partnership with United Way India(UWI) hosted an inaugural event on October 29 to mark the completion of the Devanahalli Lake restoration project in Bengaluru. The lake has a capacity of over 535 million litres of water. This initiative is expected to raise the groundwater table and therefore should benefit up to 5,000 people living in and around Devanahalli. The project took place over five months with the help of UWI and the Environmentalist Foundation of India. Speaking on the significance of environmental conservation, Jayanti Shukla, CEO of UWI said, "We believe that this initiative will help in water conservation and enhancement of natural flora & fauna of the lake. The wider goal is to ensure a healthy environment in Bengaluru for our future generations."

Bank of Baroda inaugurates new branch

Bank of Baroda inaugurated their newest branch in Bengaluru on Sankey Road on October 31. Sudhakara D Nayak, general manager, Bank of Baroda Bengaluru Zone, Kapilesh R Renuke, regional head, Bank of Baroda North Region and other staff members and officials were present during the ceremony.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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QUESTIONS

1. The oldest recorded full length inscription in Kannada language on a stone slab was found in a tiny village near Belur in Hassan district dating back to 450 AD. The inscription is used as an administrative language and is named after the village where it has been discovered. Name the inscription?

2. November 1 of every year is celebrated as Kannada Rajyotsava also known as Karnataka Formation Day. This was the day in 1956, the state of Mysore was formed following a linguistic re-organisation in the south. Which year was the Mysore state renamed as Karnataka?

3. Ma Ramamurthy, a pioneer social activist of Kannada movement is credited to have conceptualised and designed the 'Kannada Flag'. Though created with an ideology of solidarity as the symbol of the movement and has gradually gained the status of an unofficial state flag. How many basic colours does the flag have?

After India's successful bout at the 2022 World Youth Scrabble Championship, one of the tournament's youngest players, Samarth Manchali from the city, speaks to *CE* about his experience of competing in a global competition

Word of Mouth

TUNIR BISWAS AND DESE GOWDA

THERE is a global stereotype that runs across the world about Indians being good at word games. For example, Indian children and teenagers have continuously dominated numerous spelling bee competitions. Well, now we can add scrabble to that list as well.

At the recently held 2022 World Youth Scrabble Championship, two youngsters, from India finished among the top ten candidates. But this story is not about them.

This is about one of the youngest players in the international competition, Bengaluru's Samarth Manchali, who was judged as the best Under-10 player of the championship 'for a highly commendable showing in his first-ever global tournament'. Samarth is only nine years old. His mother, Shubha Manchali, was one of his inspirations to get into the game. "Samarth started playing scrabble since he was seven years old, so a couple of years back. He got into it through me since I used to play it since my childhood days but I wasn't aware of the competitive scene at all. I found out about the tournaments and clubs around 2017, when my elder son Suyash started getting into scrabble competitively," says Shubha. Samarth's elder brother, Suyash, has represented India in the World Youth Scrabble Championship for a total of five times so far.

Learning under his mother and elder brother, this was Samarth's first venture into a global tournament of this scale. During 2020, when COVID stopped children from playing outside, Samarth, due to being confined in his home, developed the interest for scrabble. "So during the lockdown, Suyash and I used to play scrabble during the evenings to kill time. It was during then when Samarth started joining us. At first, it began as a way for him to learn more words but eventually he developed a liking for the game," shares Shubha, who mentions that before 2020, Samarth used to always watch his brother and mother play the game.

Initially, Samarth took his steps into the competitive zone by participating in online competitions. "Since everything was virtual in 2020, he started taking part in various online tournaments. After the world opened up, he participated in the Mu Sigma International Scrabble Tournament and also some one-day tournaments organised by the Karnataka State Scrabble Association. But this was the by far the toughest competition he has taken part in. To play in the World Youth Scrabble Championship, you first have to go through the qualifiers, where he came first," she says.

This being his debut in the global championship, Samarth feels he was a little intimidated in the beginning. "I was very nervous in the beginning. All of us had to play 36 games in order to qualify further. I tried my best to get into the top ten but I could not. The most I scored in a game was 512 and I got 97 points for the word 'thinners', which was my highest for a single word," says Samarth. Both Samarth and Suyash have qualified for the finals of the Collins National Scrabble Championship, which will be held in New Delhi this weekend, and are looking forward to next year's World Youth Scrabble Championship.

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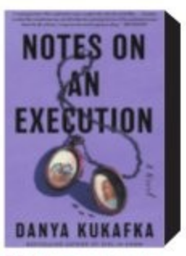
> Samarth Manchali, scrabble player

BOOK NOOK

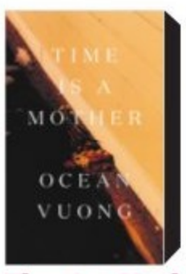
Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson

Charmaine Wilkerson's debut novel is a story of how the inheritance of betrayals, secrets, memories, and even names can shape relationships and history. Deeply evocative, Black Cake is an extraordinary journey through the life of a family changed forever by the choices of its matriarch.



Notes on an Execution
by Danya Kukafka

The book presents a chilling portrait of womanhood as it simultaneously unravels the familiar narrative of the American serial killer, interrogating our system of justice and our cultural obsession with crime stories.



Time Is a Mother
By Ocean Vuong

In this deeply intimate second poetry collection, Ocean Vuong searches for life among the aftershocks of his mother's death, embodying the paradox of sitting within grief while being determined to survive beyond it.

The School for Good Mothers
by Jessamine Chan

This witty page-turner explores the perils of "perfect" upper-middle-class parenting, the violence enacted upon women by the state and each other, and the boundless love a mother has for her daughter.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Classical Rhythms

Enjoy an evening filled with soulful music with Sanjeev Jha and Manish Kumar who will present self-composed, raga-based bandishes.

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
WHEN: Nov 3, 7 pm
DETAILS: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Comical Musings

Enjoy your weekday with comics in town talking about heartbreak while having mocktails and cuisines.

WHERE: Cafe Hideout, Koramangala
WHEN: Nov 2, 9 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Piper

Based on the play, *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen, witness the theatre act, *There is Something in the Water.*

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
WHEN: Nov 2, 7.30 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laughing Hangout

Enjoy the fun-filled Wednesday night with your gang filled with jokes, games, and delicious food as the comedians entertain you with their hilarious stories.

WHERE: Nirula's Indiranagar, Sarvagna Nagar
WHEN: Nov 2, 8 pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Bashy Beats

DJ Vishal is here with another night of Bollywood, commercial and Punjabi bash to beat away the weekday boredom. **WHERE:** Indigo XP, HSR **WHEN:** Nov 2, 7 pm **DETAILS:** highape.com

Wednesday Spotlight

Get away with midweek blues by swaying to the best Indie-pop beats by DJ Deep Bhamra while sipping some specially curated beers.

WHERE: Tipsy Bull, Koramangala **WHEN:** Nov 2, 8 pm **DETAILS:** highape.com

Funky Fest

Enjoy and celebrate a girls' night with the beats of DJ Shaa and specially crafted drinks.

WHERE: Farzi Cafe, UB City, Ashok Nagar
WHEN: Nov 2, 8 pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Night Pulse

Enjoy a Karaoke night filled with music and dance along with KJ Naveen and KJ Jonas.

WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, Ashok Nagar
WHEN: Nov 2, 9 pm
DETAILS: insider.in

ART GALORE

Artists discuss their work displayed at 4cast – The Unpredictable, an exhibition held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

POTATO FINGERS

Contributed by **Swapnil Takal,** Kolkata

INGREDIENTS

■ **Potatoes:** 4 ■ **Salt:** 1 tbsp ■ **Pepper:** 1/2 tbsp ■ **Oil to fry** ■ **Garlic powder:** 1/4 tbsp ■ **Onion powder:** 1/4 tbsp ■ **Chilli flakes:** 1/2 tbsp ■ **Coriander leaves** ■ **Water** ■ **Bread crumbs** ■ **Corn flour** ■ **Maida**

METHOD

- Peel potatoes and boil them in salted water. Mash them and add all the ingredients except cornflour and maida. Add just enough breadcrumbs to bind the mixture.
- Shape the mixture into fingers after applying some oil to your hands. Refrigerate for ten minutes.
- Make a cornflour slurry by adding water to the cornflour. Lay out the breadcrumbs and maida. Coat them in this order: maida, slurry, and breadcrumbs.
- Fry the fingers. Garnish with coriander and chilli powder. Serve hot with mayonnaise and ketchup.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

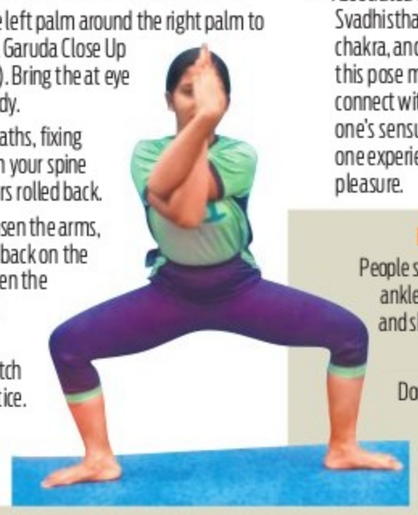
FIT BIT

UTKATA KONASANA GARUDASANA
(GODDESS POSE EAGLE ARMS)

It is a creative variation of Utkata Konasana (Goddess Pose). It is a wonderful pose, which can be included in yoga sequences for kids or working professionals as a cool-down practice. It gives energising and empowering effects on the mind.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), with hands by the side of your body. Take a few deep breaths here.
- Inhale deeply, place your hands on the waist, and on an exhale, jump apart or step the feet out wide around 3-3½ feet in Prasarita Tadasana Hands on Hips.
- Turn your feet to bring the heels in and the toes pointing towards the corners of your mat. Inhale, roll your shoulders back and draw the navel into the spine, activating the core.
- Exhaling, begin to squat down until knees are aligned with their ankles. Thighs must be parallel to the floor.
- Keep pressing into the corners of the feet. Roll out the top of the thighs, tuck your pelvis in and lift the front body.
- If you feel balanced, inhale and stretch your arms in front.
- Exhale and place the left outer elbow on the right inner elbow, stretching the shoulders and twisting the arms.
- Then, slowly wrap the left palm around the right palm to look like this at Hasta Garuda Close Up (Eagle Arms Close Up). Bring the at eye level; center of the body.
- Hold for about six breaths, fixing your gaze in front with your spine erect and the shoulders rolled back.
- To release, exhale, loosen the arms, and bring your hands back on the waist. Inhale, straighten the knees and come back into Tadasana.
- Counter the arms stretch by repeating the practice.
- Release and relax in Tadasana.



BENEFITS

- Broaden the chest and corrects postural defects.
- Massages the organs in the abdomen.
- Strengthens the hips, lower back and the thigh muscles
- It widens the uterus and helps during pregnancy.
- Enhances the functioning of organs in the thorax and improves respiration.
- Increases focus and concentration.
- Relieves menstrual pain and cramps.
- Associated with the Svadhisthana (Sacral) chakra, and practising this pose may help one to connect with and balance one's sensuality, helping one experience more pleasure.

LIMITATIONS

People suffering from hip, ankle and knee injuries and shoulder problems can avoid this.

Don't widen the legs beyond your limit.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ORU THEKKAN THALLU CASE (Malayalam)

Fists fly and egos clash when a well-respected lighthouse keeper in a small village vows revenge following an attack by a rival and his gang.

Cast: Biju Menon, Padmapriya, Roshan Mathew

● **Watch on:** Netflix

AMMU
(Telugu)

A woman takes desperate measures to get her abusive husband suspended from police duty.

Cast: Aishwarya Lekshmi, Naveen Chandra, Bobby Simha

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

D BLOCK (Tamil)

When the female students of an engineering college mysteriously disappear and are found dead, a young man and his friends decide to look for the culprit.

Cast: Aashiq, RJ Ananthi, Archana

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)

In the pursuit of solving an ancient mystery of Amaravati, Narayana, a corrupt cop must battle the dangerous clan of dacoits and it's fierce leader.

Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar

● **Watch on:** Voot

AAVASAVYUHAM (Malayalam)

Joy is a man who seems to have a mysterious connection with nature. One day he arrives in Puthuvype, and the people there recount stories about him. No one knows where he came from and no one knows where he was going either.

Cast: Ajayaghosh, Sreejith Babu, Sreenath Babu

● **Watch on:** SonyLiv

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MAJA MA (Hindi)

A rumour about a housewife famous for her dancing and cooking threatens to disrupt her middle-class family's life, on the eve of her son Tejas' engagement.

Cast: Madhuri Dixit, Simone Singh, Barkha Singh

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

COBRA (Tamil)

A mathematician genius, Mathi, has another identity, Cobra, who commits intelligent crimes using math.

Cast: Vikram, Irfan Pathan, Srinidhi Shetty

● **Watch on:** SonyLiv

FOREIGN

ABBOTT ELEMENTARY (English, series)

Follows a group of **teachers brought together in** one of the worst **public schools in the country,** simply because **they love teaching.**

Cast: Quinta Brunson, Tyler James Williams, Janelle James

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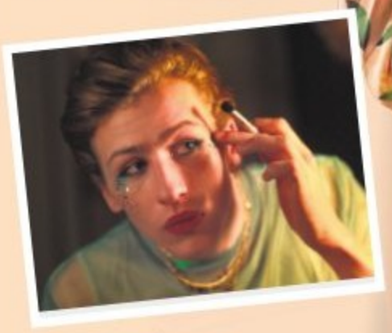

PRISMA (Italian)

Prisma explores the **relationships and the identities of** Andrea and Marco, **two twins identical on the outside, but** very different in **their approach to life; and of their group** of friends, united by **the search for their place in the world.**

Cast: Mattia Carrano, Lorenzo Zurzolo, Caterina Forza

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S CABINET OF CURIOSITIES (English, series)

Bizarre nightmares unfold in eight tales of terror in a visually stunning, spine-tingling horror collection curated by Guillermo del Toro.

Cast: Lize Johnston, Kevin Keppy, Kate Micucci

● **Watch on:** Netflix

THE GOOD NURSE (English)

An overburdened ICU nurse leans on her selfless new colleague at work and at home – until a patient's unexpected death casts him in a suspicious light.

Cast: Jessica Chastain, Eddie Redmayne, Denise Pillot

● **Watch on:** Netflix

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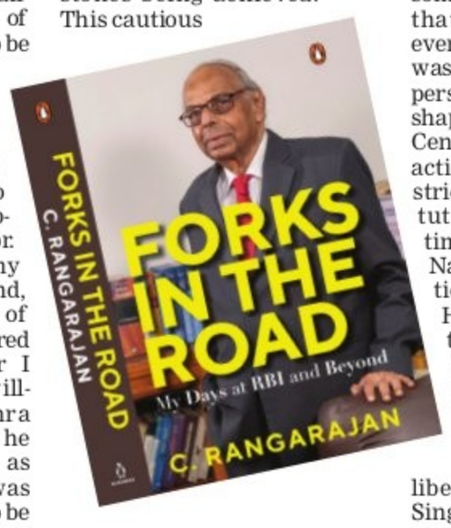
'HE WANTED TO MAKE HYD A SECOND B'LURU'

TURNING PAGES

AS my term as governor of RBI was drawing to a close, I was planning to go back to academia for some time. That would be a fitting way of ending a career which started in academia. However, the closing months were also a difficult period. The impact of the East Asian crisis had to be dealt with. The Indian rupee was under pressure. My attention was focused on that. At that time, I.K. Gujral was prime minister. I had met him a few times to apprise him of the developments in the financial sector. A few months before my term was to come to an end, the then chief minister of Andhra Pradesh had inquired from Y.V. Reddy whether I would be available and willing to come to Andhra Pradesh as governor since he wanted a non-politician as governor. Krishna Kant was governor then and he was to be elected vice president. When Krishna Kant was elected, Chandrababu Naidu moved to get a replacement. In fact, I had not met Naidu until I was chosen as governor. The position of governor of Andhra Pradesh was left vacant for some time; some other governor was looking after it. The process of selecting a successor to me in RBI began only after it was decided that I would go to Andhra Pradesh. The finance minister did discuss with me the various possibilities. In dealing with the East Asian crisis, two factors had to be kept in mind. First, we had not allowed capital account convertibility in any big way. The Tarapore had made a number of recommendations. We were implementing them one by one depending on the conditions. We had taken the view that capital account convertibility was contingent on certain milestones being achieved.

This cautious



approach to capital account convertibility was a help. Second, even before I left RBI, I had let the value of the rupee fall. We wanted to make it clear that we were not wedded to a particular rate. This, I believe, enabled my successor to act without any commitment on the value of the rupee. Bimal Jalan was chosen as my successor. He came with long experience in handling economic matters. He was well grounded in theory and action and had handled many problems with consummate skill and efficiency. I had known him from the days I was deputy governor and enjoyed a cordial relationship with him.

I took the oath as governor of Andhra Pradesh on 24 November 1997. It was a bit of a spectacle. Horses and limousines jostled together. I spent some time drafting a speech that was broadcast that evening. Chandrababu Naidu was then a powerful political personality. He had a big role in shaping the government at the Centre. I had decided that my actions as governor would be strictly according to the constitutional provisions. At the time I took over as governor, Naidu was in a strong position in Andhra Pradesh also. He had a clear majority even though the route he chose to become chief minister was controversial. Without doubt, Naidu was a reformer. He was completely in sync with the liberal road chosen by Rao–Singh. He desired very much to push these ideas at the state level. He wanted to make the state industrially strong. He wanted Andhra Pradesh to be the investment destination of domestic and foreign capital. In a good measure, he succeeded. More importantly, he had a special fascination for information technology. He wanted to make Hyderabad a second Bangalore. The seed that he had sown at that time had grown and the tree is flourishing. In pursuing liberal policies and promoting information technology, I offered my help because of my background. One of his ambitions was to make Hyderabad a financial centre.

(Excerpted from Forks In The Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond by Dr C Rangarajan, with permission from Penguin Random House)

'We helped make B'luru the Silicon Valley of India'

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THE 75-year-old expresses pride talking about her stint as a Minister of Medical Education and Science and Technology. She believes the foundation that their government laid back then eventually helped Bengaluru achieve its stature as the hub of information technology in India. "We put Bengaluru on the map and helped make it the Silicon Valley that you see today. In my view, S M Krishna was a capable leader, but he couldn't do much with such a short term," says Fazal adding that the slow decline of the city's infrastructure in recent years has been a pain to witness.

Remarking on the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act, Fazal feels that the policy is draconian and unfair. "I'm totally against CAA. Why would you refuse only Muslims coming into the country as immigrants, while people of other faiths are accepted?" she questions. She believes that Islam is inherently a very liberal religion, whose reputation has been tarnished by the actions of a few.

As a liberal Muslim woman, Fazal expresses strong support for the proposed Uniform Civil Code, which aims to implement personal laws that apply to citizens regardless of their religion, gender, and sexual orientation. In 2017, she quit Congress after the party refused to take a stand on the instant triple talaq controversy.

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Nafees Fazal, politician-author

Through her new book, which chronicles her political journey as a firebrand politician fighting for women's and minority rights, she hopes that she can inspire the next generation to do the same. "I hope I'll be able to inspire a generation of women and men to fight, face adversity and never give up. I broke every barrier conceivable. I want the world to learn from my experience," she concludes.

THE MISFORTUNES OF A BUS JOURNEY

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon

(Writer, comedian)

I can sleep anywhere, and eat anything. My only fear with overnight journeys is the utter lack of control over my bowel movements. It's an aspect of human life that isn't discussed enough. I have met people with bowel movements as smooth as Michael Jackson in his early days. They wake up in the morning, take a newspaper, and get the job done with military precision. My bowel movements resemble the antics of a rebellious teenager.

Now, buses aren't the most conducive modes of transport. They stop for breaks and the men partake in a tribal ritual: step out, find a lonely spot, check for wild animals, and get the job done. However, if you're struggling with Priority No.2, you have to start believing in God again. The toilets are enough to scar you for life. Buses go the extra mile by providing you amenities that make matters worse - a packet of mixture, a sandwich, and a bottle of water.

Having avoided all temptations, I was proud of myself for averting a disaster. But God and my stomach work in mysterious ways. Before I knew it, I felt the kick in my stomach! I swiftly walked to the driver. Now, bus drivers have a difficult job. They are inundated with requests for stoppages, hotels, and chai breaks. They cannot listen to songs, or watch a movie. Unlike trains, children from India's hinterland don't wave at bus drivers with smiles on their faces. One wrong move, and you could wake up in a bus full of people ready to curse you.

The driver of my bus was a determined man. When I requested for a halt, he looked at me through the rearview mirror like Amrish Puri looked at Shah Rukh Khan in *Koyla*. However, I have worked in call centres and been trained in persistence. I pleaded my case fervently. Finally, the driver stopped.

I hopped out of the bus and rushed to my destination, only for my worst nightmares to come true. I ran from bathroom to bathroom, rejecting one horror after another. I was a Kafkaesque character unable to step out of a nightmare. There come moments in your life when you have to make an executive decision. With my water bottle in hand, I ran into the forest – screaming and cursing like Rishab Shetty in *Kantara*. In my life, I have gone from god-fearing to atheist to agnostic. But here I was, involuntarily shooting up prayers to God above. 'Dear God. We haven't been on great terms, but kindly process my request. You have created all creatures on earth – from snakes to wild boars. Kindly keep your creations away from me for a few minutes'.

I am going to leave out the details of my misery, but let me just say this.

I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. As I prayed and cursed and looked around like a meerkat, I got the job done and ran back to my bus. When I reached the bus, I found other people waiting with questions in their eyes. I looked at them and shook my head. He understood my message and shook his head in agony. We boarded the bus – both victims of our nation's terrible sanitation policy. The bus driver threw me a judgmental look – with all the arrogance of a man with perfect bowel movements. Just as I hopped on to the bus, I shot a bonus prayer to God – for being born a man in this country. This story has a moral at the end – Avoid Overnight Bus Journeys! Thank you.

Harry's memoir titled *Spare* releases on Jan 10

THE publication date and title of Prince Harry's memoir has finally been confirmed by Penguin Random House, according to media reports.

The publishing titans have said the British royal's memoir will be titled *Spare* and have set a release date of Jan. 10 -- notably missing the usually crucial Christmas market. The hardcover edition has been priced at $36.

The title, according to Variety, is likely a reference to the nickname given to Harry and his elder brother, Prince William, who is second in line to the throne: "The heir and the spare."

Rumours about the memoir -- and precisely what it may contain -- have been swirling for over a year, ever since the deal was first announced in July 2021. According to the book's blurb, Harry will touch on his experience of his mother's death as well as love and grief.

"It was one of the most searing images of the twentieth century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow -- and horror," the book's blurb reads.

"As Diana, Princess of Wales, was laid to rest, billions wondered what the princes must be thinking and feeling -- and how their lives would play out from that point on. For Harry, this is that story at last.

"With its raw, unflinching honesty, *Spare* is a landmark publication full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief."

At the time the book deal was announced, Prince Harry said in a statement (reported by the 'New York Times'): "I'm writing this not as the prince I was born but as the man I have become. I've worn many hats over the years, both literally and figuratively, and my hope is that in telling my story -- the highs and lows, the mistakes, the lessons learned -- I can help show that no matter where we come from, we have more in common than we think."

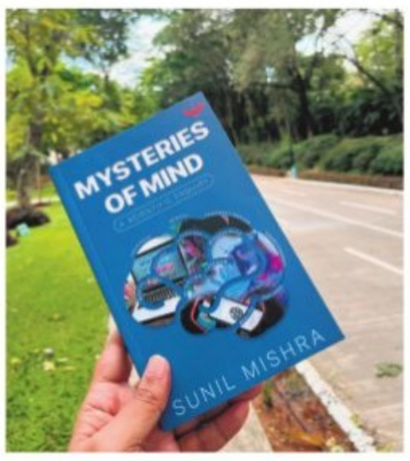
Press reports at the time claimed that the prince received about a $20-million advance; Penguin Random House has refused to confirm the sum. All that the publisher has confirmed so far is that Prince Harry has donated approximately $2 million from the proceeds to charitable organisations, reports 'Variety'.

Harry, according to 'Variety', is said to have been working with ghostwriter J.R. Moehringer -- who also penned tennis player Andre Agassi's memoir. –IANS

NUGGETS

Book attempts to decode the mysteries of the human mind

A new book, *Mysteries of Mind – A Scientific Enquiry*, penned by author and tech industry veteran Sunil Mishra, is a non-fiction and multi-disciplinary approach to the human mind. The book has stories of human minds, psychological experiments, and underlying scientific explanations from neuroscientists. With a foreword by Professor Debashish Chatterjee, director, IIM Kozhikode, the book published by Garuda Prakashan spans widely-discussed topics attempting to answer questions such as why we procrastinate and whether smartphones make us smart. In one of the chapters, the author explains the layered architecture of our brain and looks at the conflict between the emotive brain and the thinking brain, the conscious and the subconscious brain and the right brain and the left brain. The book is available at all leading bookstores.



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THE MYSTICISM OF KASHI INSPIRED ME TO MAKE *BANARAS* IN THE CITY

...says director Jayathirtha, who talks about his upcoming film, which stars Zaid Khan and Sonal Monteiro

Director Jayathirtha

A SHARADHAA

Jayathirtha is known for his content-oriented films, which stay away from the usual hero glorification tropes. "Instead of celebrating the hero, my films always celebrate the script," says the filmmaker, who prefers keeping a low profile and letting his work speak for him. "I don't want to sell my product like a sales manager. My piece of art should introduce itself to the audience. Of course, I understand that there is a need for pomp and splendour in showbiz, but I prefer to ingrain subtlety in my work, and wait for people to connect with it," says the *Bell Bottom* director.

Ahead of the release of his upcoming film, Banaras, which launches the career of Zaid Khan, and stars Sonal Monteiro opposite him, Jayathirtha explains the mantra that pushes him forward in his career. "I can give back the money to the audience, but I can't give back the valuable time they spent on watching a film. It is my respect for their time that ensures I deliver my best every single time," says Jayathirtha.

Billed as a romance, *Banaras* is set in Varanasi, and deals with the concept of time travel. "There is the Kala Bhairava Temple, which represents the past, present and future. Secondly, the geography and the atmosphere of the place prompted me to set *Banaras* in Varanasi. An interesting facet of the city is how the lanes of Kashi will always bring you back to the same point where you started. I consider it magical. There is divinity, love and faith in the city. People give up on everything to come live in this place. Peace and sacrifice play a big role here. Nobody runs behind time here because they have reached a dead end. The overall mysticism of the city was best suited for my story," explains Jayathirtha.

Zaid Khan and Sonal Monteiro in *Banaras*

Talking about *Banaras* and the time travel theme that elevates a template romance into something different, Jayathirtha says, "There is nothing like an untold story. There is only a new way of telling a story. *Banaras* will be relatable for all kinds of audiences. While the younger generation will enjoy the time travel, the older section of the audience might be attracted to the divinity of Kashi. Children would love to go on this musical journey with *Banaras*. Every frame is structured like a painting to export you to a different world altogether."

Jayathirtha continues the habit of working with new talents in all his films by casting Zaid Khan in the lead. "When Zaid Khan first approached me, I thought he wasn't really passionate about cinema. I felt he was one of those rich kids who were just being part of cinema because they have the required resources. But after my interactions with Zaid, my opinion changed. I understood his seriousness towards acting, and felt he was the right fit for *Banaras*. As Siddharth, Zaid Khan has given his best in his first project," he says.

More than just as a filmmaker, Jayathirtha agrees that working on *Banaras* changed him as a person too. "There is a lot of divinity in Kashi, and many a time, I found myself becoming lost in that vibration. I'm confident that the same magic will work with the audience as well."

Meanwhile, Jayathirtha is almost through with the shooting of *Kaiva*, and will next move on to Bell Bottom 2. "I'm left with 5 days of the shoot to wrap up Kaiva starring Dhanveerrah. Also, once Rishab completes all his commitments for *Kantara*, we would sit together, and talk about the further development of the much-awaited sequel," signs off Jayathirtha

Lucy spin-off series in the works

CE FEATURES

MORGAN Freeman is in the final stages of negotiations to join the cast of the television series spinoff of Luc Besson's 2014 science fiction film, *Lucy*. Details of the plot are being kept tight-lipped at the moment, but it is expected to follow on from the story that ended at the conclusion of the original. EuropaCorp and Village Roadshow are reportedly partnering to develop and produce the series.

The film saw Johansson play a woman who gained psychokinetic powers and skills after a drug got absorbed into her bloodstream. It's expected that Freeman will reprise his role from the film, playing the character Professor Norman, a mentor of Lucy. EuropaCorp has recently begun to pursue films and series that can be developed from its well-known intellectual properties and franchises, like *The Transporter* and *Lucy*. *Lucy* is the second series to be approved and greenlit by Vine for EuropaCorp after Dog-Man which stars Caleb Landry Jones, and was produced and written by Besson.

Nee Mayeolago Maye Ninolago is all set to hit theatres this week

Darshan Raghavaiah
Revathi Holla
Sunil Kumar Basavanthappa

CE FEATURES

SUNIL Kumar Basavantappa's directorial debut, *Nee Mayeolago Maye Ninolago*, is slated to release on November 4th. "The psychological thriller unveils the ephemeral mind of the protagonist to different situations in his life, which ultimately leads to a paradox," says Sunil Kumar as he explains the premise of the film, which is not only written by him but also features him in a pivotal role. Talking about the initial responses to the film after its premiere shows, Sunil says, "Our film premiered in Melbourne and to a few sections of the audience in Bengaluru, and we have already received a good response. This has given new hope to the team."

Nee Mayeolago Maye Ninolago is headlined by Darshan Raghaviah, who is also producing the film. With cinematography by Sumant Badri and music by Srihari, the film stars Balaraj Wadi, Manas Gabriel, and Revathi Holla among others.

MY DEBUT IN SANDALWOOD IS HAPPENING A LITTLE LATE: JAYARAM

The actor joins the sets of his first Kannada film, *Ghost*, and will be sharing screen space with Shivarajkumar

Jayaram

Shivarajkumar, director Srini and Jayaram on the sets of *Ghost*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Jayaram, who mainly worked in Malayalam cinema, has also made a mark in Tamil and Telugu. However, a stint in Kannada cinema always eluded him, but it is finally happening with the Shivarajkumar-starrer *Ghost*. Directed by Srini, the heist thriller, made under the Sandesh Production banner, is currently on floors, and actor Jayaram joined the film's sets a couple of days ago.

"Shivarajkumar and I have known each other for a long time now. Being brand ambassadors of the same jewellery company, we would meet every year. We often discussed cinema. Incidentally, it was in 2019 that Shivanna asked if I was interested in working in Kannada cinema. I was more than happy and didn't mind playing a guest role too. However, Shivanna insisted that if I'm making my Sandalwood debut, it should be with a prominent role. Finally, it got realised six months ago with Srini's *Ghost*," explains Jayaram,

Two days into the shoot, Jayaram shares that he is enjoying the atmosphere, and the role of a special police officer, he is playing, "I'm making sure that I'm perfect with the language, and I pronounce the Kannada words correctly. I will also be dubbing for the film," says Jayaram, who will complete his first schedule in Bengaluru, and will next head to Mysuru for the second schedule. "The people of Karnataka are happy with my debut, and I'm receiving a lot of love, especially from Shivanna fans, who have been dropping 'Thank you' messages."

Recalling his "soul connection" with Karnataka, Jayaram goes back to 1987-88 when he started his career as an actor. "It was the beginning days of my acting career. Those days, we did mostly small-budget films, and still, we would have 4 to 5 songs. So if any song needs to be portrayed with richness, our dream destination would always be the Brindavan Gardens in Mysuru. If the film sequence needed something more spectacular, we added the water fountain. I remember how much I would request the producer that my song should have fountains in the background," chuckles Jayaram, as he also shares his long-lasting attachment to Bengaluru. "When I was studying SSLC, our school had an excursion to Bangalore. Brigade Road was one of the main highlights of the city, where I would often go shopping. Today, the infrastructure of the city has changed, but it has not lost its charm. Bengaluru is still a beautiful city."

That's not all, Jayaram, who is also a nature lover, and is passionate about wildlife, would often visit Bannerghatta, Nagarahole, Bandipur, and Kabini. In fact, he still enjoys going to all these places every year. "I have a lot of connections to this city, and the state. Just that my debut in Sandalwood happened a little late," he signs off.

Ray Romano to star in *Project Artemis*

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Greg Berlanti has roped in Ray Romano for the cast of his 1960s-set space race feature, *Project Artemis*. Romano joins stars Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum. The film is being produced by These Pictures, the company owned by Johansson and her colleagues Jonathan Lia and Keenan Flynn. Notably, Apple won the rights to the film at a highly competitive auction.

Romano joins the film after his feature directorial debut titled Somewhere in Queens with Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions, which premiered at Tribeca earlier this year. He will also star in a biopic of Jim Valvano and was recently announced to have joined the sitcom Bupkis. Rose Gilroy is penning the script which is described as a romantic comedy set against the backdrop of the 1968 Apollo 11 moon launch.

Triptii Dimri, Babil Khan starrer *Qala* to premiere on Netflix on this date

CE FEATURES

Qala, the psychological drama set in the musical world of the late 1930s, will premiere on Netflix on December 1. Directed by Anvitaa Dutt of Bulbbul fame, *Qala* is the story of an eponymous young playback singer (played by Triptii Dimri) whose tragic past catches up with her, causing her to unravel at the peak of her hard-won success. But the beginning and end of her spiral is her relationship with her mother.

The film also features late Irrfan Khan's son Babil Khan, Swastika Mukherjee, Amit Sial, Neer Raao, Avinash Raj Sharma and Ashish Singh. Shedding light on the film's story, Anvitaa shared, "*Qala* is a story about mothers and daughters and how a troubled upbringing can damage someone and have far-reaching consequences. We set it in the world of music in the late 1930s; a setting both evocative and poignant."

The film is produced by Karnesh Ssharma of Clean Slate Filmz. Karnesh is the brother of actor Anushka Sharma. "We are delighted to be working along with Netflix and Anvitaa once again. At Clean Slate Filmz we aim to create distinct stories and *Qala* is one such film."

Sanjay Dutt turns producer with 'THE VIRGIN TREE'

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Sanjay Dutt has announced his debut production. Last year, Sanjay set up his production company, Three Dimension Motion Pictures, to bankroll feature films and other content. He has now partnered with Deepak Mukut's Soham Rockstar Entertainment to produce a new horror-comedy film titled The Virgin Tree.

The film stars Sunny Singh, Mouni Roy, Palak Tiwari, Aasif Khan and is also the launch vehicle for influencer Nick/Beyounic. It is directed by Sidhaant Sachdev and written by Sidhaant Vanuksh Arora.

Talking about the film, Sanjay Dutt says, "I am pleased to back the film which was exactly the script I was looking for. The film is the perfect blend of comedy and horror, with the right balance of chills and thrills. I am so glad to have found a production partner, in Deepak Mukut whose cinematic vision and ideals aligns with mine. I always wanted to encourage young fresh talent in the industry and with this film, we launch a new director with brilliant fresh vision. He has put together an eclectic cast and I wish them the best time and a glorious shoot ahead."

Deepak Mukut shares, "Sanjay Dutt is cinema legacy. In him, I have found someone who aligns with me on my own creative vision. The Virgin Tree is a movie that I truly believe has all the elements of being an out and out entertainer."

A still from *The Virgin Tree*